

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 14, 2023

- I. Roll Call
 - a. In attendance - Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Simon Pearish
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
- III. Approval of Minutes (May)
 - a. Russ motioned approval, Simon seconded, passed 3-0-0
- IV. Discussion
 - a. Path RFPs
 - 1. Two quotes for the resurfacing of approximately 900 linear feet of the existing walking paths were received by the town manager. We reviewed them. Both looked suitable. We are in favor of awarding the project to the lowest bidder.
 - 2. Motion: The DRP committee recommends that the town manager awards the project to Gillespie. Russ motions. Bonnie seconds. Passed 3-0-0.
 - b. Maintenance Plan status
 - 1. We haven't heard from the Conservation Commission so Bonnie will request to be placed on their agenda at their next meeting.

c. Invasive species next steps

1. Dog River Conservancy, a Norwich entity, is taking some steps to advance knotweed mitigation efforts in Northfield. They have proposed locating a knotweed drying station on the concrete pad that is at the intersection of Water and Summer Street.
 - i. The drying station would need to be managed using best practices.
 - ii. Signage should be provided to educate the public.
 - iii. Care should be used to make sure knotweed transported to the site does not contribute to the spread of knotweed in the local area.
2. Patches in the Dog River Park and Cheney Meadow are the highest priority for the Conservation Commission and DRP Committee. Norwich University has a very large infestation that might be addressed by NU and the Dog River Conservancy.

d. Member updates

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment