

Town of Northfield, Vermont
Northfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 24, 2026

1. Roll Call: Russ, Suz, Deb, Mariela, Jeremy, Laura Hill Eubanks
2. Updates to Agenda
 - A. Black Ash in Town Forest: The Intervale wants black ash seeds. Russ doesn't know of any in town forest but there is some along the Berlin Pond Road. A time will be coordinated for those interested, to look for these trees.
 - B. NCC Email: The town account for NCC is not regularly checked and should be discontinued. Suz will speak with Mary Diego Smith about closing this account and updating the town web page for NCC.
3. No scheduled public participation.
4. An amendment to the May 27, 2026 minutes was made by Suz to include the names of Ben Pincus and Steve Shenk. 2nd by Deb. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Deb, 2nd by Jeremy. Motion unanimously passed.
5. Discussions Items
 - A. Northfield Mtn Bike Association Formation: Jonathan Powers is interested in forming a bike group in Northfield: Greater Northfield Area Riders (GNAR). Andrew and Jeremy will meet with him to discuss some ground rules. One idea is to ask this group to submit a plan to the TFSC before doing any trail work.

- B. Town Forest Conservation Easement Next Steps: NCC is in favor of pursuing this as an overlay district is a zoning tool and does not offer permanent protection. Suz will bring David up to speed on our discussion with the goal of someone speaking to Mary Smith about how to proceed and whether a public hearing would be beneficial.
- C. Events calendar: The group brainstormed the following events to feature on a calendar on the NCC webpage: trail work days, Cheney access days, campfire cooking demonstration, vernal pool walk, wildflower walk, trail races held by NU, invasives workshop and a history walk. Ken McCann is amenable to helping set this up.
- D. Biodiversity trail: no update

6. Updates

- A. Reconnecting with Rivers: Cohort meeting August 13th
- B. VYCC Youth Trails Program Fundraising: Chouinard Foundation did not want to contribute.
- C. TFSC: Cheney Field Parking/Access days are planned for 8-15 and 10-3. The Select Board will be updated in July about the plans. A pilot will be held prior to the real events later on.
- D. Berlin Conservation Commission Coordination: no update

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 on a motion by Jeremy, 2nd by Suz.

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