

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 17, 2025

- I. ROLL CALL:** Russ, Jeremy, Ginny, Colin, Andrew, Ray, Nelson
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):** None.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 20, 2025
- Amended section F.: Last sentence will change "position" to "consensus" and cites study from Ridge and Rivers.
 - passed with amendment 4-0-1
- IV. AGENDA UPDATES OR ADDITIONS:** None
- V. UPDATES & DISCUSSION**
- a. Shaw Outdoor Center Update**
- Disc golf course update. Mowing is anticipated to be done by the paintball shed.
- Summer camps start next week.
- FLC starts the following week.
- Still plans to cut back slopes in August.
- Discussion around the mowing of Cheney field in the past.
- The mowing schedule for Cheney field was discussed. We should do something about it.
- The fitness center is going to be open to the public. The new gym should be open to the public.
- b. Lybrand Trail Reroute Hike with Norwich University (NU) Staff**
- Flagging has been placed. The proposed flagging may not be what NU was expecting. Russ will go take a look at the flagging soon to weigh in. A future hike will be scheduled.
- c. Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) update**
- Jeremy and David met Patrick Pfeifer. They'd like to see Northfield host a VYCC summer working group (2-3 weeks per summer). This is still in the works. The town would need to have a list of projects that could be used to apply for grants.
- VYCC would benefit from training new crew leaders.
- Northfield youth would have an opportunity to participate.

d. Paine Mountain Trail Reroute

Jeremy presents the application for the trail reroute proposal

Discussion about drainage concerns. Reroute was discussed in detail.

Russ proposes moving forward with VYCC work.

Passed - 7-0-0

Mid to late July is the anticipated start date

e. Town Forest Zoning

Jeremy checked with the chair of the planning commission.

Next steps include the PC getting buy-in from the Select Board.

Then it would go out for public comment.

Russ said there have been conversations about putting the Town Forest into a conservation easement at the NCC level.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (UNSCHEDULED)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Colin's last week is August 15th.

Jeremy expresses gratitude for Colin's efforts on the board.

Next Wednesday (June 25th) the NCC will have a rep from Friends of the Winooski to present water improvement methods for Dog River. The TFSC and public are welcome to join.

VOREC has 3 trail counters that could be used for trail counting.

Jeremy thanks the VOREC committee for their work and for completing their project. The signage in the town forest looks great.

Ginny asks for an update on the forest management plan. No known updates at this point. Russ to check in with Forester.

Future Agenda Items

TFSC could help build VYCC project list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:09 pm