

# **TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**

## **DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of November 9, 2022**

**I. ROLL CALL:** Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Simon Pearish, and Russ Barrett

**II. SET/ADJUST AGENDA:** No changes

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 14, 2022):** Simon motions to approve, Bonnie seconds, passes 3-0-0

#### **IV. DISCUSSION**

##### **a. Member updates**

1. Simon worked with the town to have the middle section of the meadow mowed on 11/3/2022 in keeping with the plan to mow the meadow on a three-year rolling basis.
2. The Town was offered partial funding for an outside contractor to install the sign created by the Friends of the Winooski River. The town opted to install the sign themselves. We look forward to seeing the sign installed soon.
3. Bonnie will draft proposal for path maintenance in the hopes of attracting a contractor to complete the work.
4. Simon proposed using some funding he has through the Lake Champlain Basin Program to have a meeting of this committee with invasive plant control experts he has identified to discuss strategies for controlling knotweed on town properties.
  - i. Russ suggested contacting the Waitsfield Conservation Commission to source expertise.
  - ii. Bonnie suggested looking at this project: <https://hydeparkvt.com/knot-in-hyde-park/#:~:text=It%20is%20a%20fast%2Dgrowing,t hat%20depend%20on%20native%20flora.>
  - iii. Simon will invite the Northfield Conservation Commission and Town Forest Stewardship group to the meeting.
  - iv. Simon will present the findings to the Select Board as a function of his grant.

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (UNSCHEDULED):** There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.