

Northfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021

1. Roll Call: John, Nigel, Debbie, Ruth, Russ attending. Meeting called to order at 6:04.
2. Minutes of the May 26th, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Ruth, 2nd by Russ. Unanimous.
3. Updates:
 - a. Close out of the EAB grant: The town manager obtained an extension until July 31st so additional tree removal can take place. Ruth will touch base with Elise to relay how this is going. The NCC would like to meet the requirements in the contract for tree removal.
 - b. Town Forest Stewardship Committee:
 - i. Trail 2b in the town forest was removed last weekend.
 - ii. Trail 3: at this point the landowners are just not sure whether or not they might reconsider use of their property for the trail. This means Postal trail is closed pending a solution.
 - iii. Although we have an offer of support for materials to rebuild the Hawk Watch, decisions about who will do the work and how to get materials to the site remain. Debbie suggested contacting Adam Sevi and Collin O'Neil at NU to see if they have interest in helping.
 - iv. Russ will step down as chair of the TFSC in August.
4. Discussion:
 - a. EAB awareness, publicity and Select Board Report: After discussion it was agreed that Russ and Brad would work on a presentation to the Select Board. John shared an "EAB calculator" from Univ of CT that estimates cost in an urban area to deal with EAB. The potential of using the ash for firewood to recover some of the cost of removal was raised. Russ will contact E. Montpelier to find out what they did with trees they removed.
 - b. Reclaiming Hawk Watch view: It was agreed the first thing to do is to visit the site and assess the potential to reclaim the view.
5. Adjournment: At 6:50, Debbie moved, 2nd by John to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zuaro, Chair NCC