

**Northfield Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

1. Roll Call: Debbie, Russ, Ruth, John
2. Public participation: Dave Packie
3. Minutes of 9-23-20 Meeting approved, unanimously on motion by Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.
4. Budget discussion: A motion by Ruth to include \$400 annually for EAB related expenses; tree inoculation every 3 years & planting of alternate species was 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by John; unanimous. Map development and trail maintenance are also necessary & will be supported by \$500 in maintenance line item.
5. EAB Grant updates: A forum for homeowners will take place with the help of VT Coverts on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> with Joanne Gorton and Russ presenting. John will do FPF and FB postings and Debbie will do press releases for local news. A 2<sup>nd</sup> forum on January 13<sup>th</sup> will focus on forest landowners; 7:00 p.m.
6. Progress with Ash tree removal: Debbie, Russ, Ruth, Jeff and Pat Demasi met remotely to discuss tree removal. A target date of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> was set for the progress report and invoicing of the State. We have an extension to the EAB grant until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

7. Dave Packie joined the meeting to explain his interest in joining the NCC. Dave suggested a focus on the Dog River clean up and a dam removal project to restore trout habitat. On a motion by Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, Dave was unanimously voted in as a member of the NCC. Welcome Dave.
8. Update on TFSC meeting: Russ reported that the group has discussed unsanctioned trails, responded to the NU ROTC activities, has created a form to use for special event requests in the Town Forest. A timber harvest is also under discussion.
9. 1000 feet of Town Forest boundary remain to be marked. Over 30,000 feet are completed. New welcome signs are out to replace the ones that went missing.
10. Adjournment at 6:52. Motion by Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Zuaro, Chair