

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of 9-23-20**

- I. Roll Call: Russ, Deb, John, Ruth, Brad
- II. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- III. The 8-26-20 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ, unanimous.
- IV. Discussion
  - A. EAB awareness week activity was reviewed. Ash trees in town and in the Town Forest were tagged with posters, leaflets were distributed at the Farmer's Market, social media posts provided information on EAB. Ruth will report back to Ginger on our activities.
  - B. AB grant: The minutes of a meeting with Jeff, Russ and Deb to discuss progress with the EAB grant were reviewed. The meeting focused on the logistics of Ash tree removal by the town crew and a contracted tree service. Idea to sell wood to a wood dealer mentioned by Russ. Two forums will be held, the first in early November, using a hybrid model of virtual plus in-person, and potentially featuring an expert in entomology. The 2<sup>nd</sup> forum could involve elementary and middle school.  
Next meeting with Jeff is October 7 at 9:00. You are welcome to attend.
  - C. Boundary Marking: almost all the boundary has been marked. Two sections remain.
  - D. Goals for this year: In addition to the ongoing EAB work, NCC should begin to plan for a comprehensive inventory of natural resources in our town as outlined in the town plan. Resources of the Town Forest and Dog River have been mapped but a study of the side streams has not.
- V. Adjournment took place at 6:49 p.m. Russ moved, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.