

Norwich Conservation Committee Minutes

June 15, 2009

Present: Craig Layne, Dan Goulet, Bill Pierce David Hubbard, Bill Pierce, Genevieve Morinville, Frank Olmstead, Lee Michaelides

Absent: Brian Kunz,

Nick Krembs came and spoke about the Norwich Trails Committee (NTC) and reaffirmed the NTC as a sub committee of the NCC. Trails committee minutes will be reported with the NCC minutes.

Minutes of the Trails Committee meeting of June 3, 2009

Present: George Clark, Bob Fisken, Peter Griggs, Jennie Hubbard, and Nick Krembs.

- 1) Plans for upcoming work on the Gile Mountain and Blue Ribbon Trails were discussed.
- 2) A work session is scheduled to start at 5:30 PM on Wednesday June 17. Look for a later announcement with additional details.
- 3) Bob Fisken reviewed recent investigations concerning ancient roads in Norwich.

Hubbard reported seeing new infestations of Japanese knotweed. Can the NCC do something to educate people to help spread the word about invasive plants?

Nick Krembs volunteered to get herbicide certification. The NCC could also get other people certified as well. Also talk to the road crew about looking at where they are digging and not transporting the dirt to a "clean" place. Also will get a display of pamphlets around town to build awareness?

Outline for the stewardship pamphlet of best practices.

"Resources" has already been done.

Opening paragraph about natural heritage.

\*Wetland, streams and surface waters: The regulations are not the same as best practices. Frank will check on this

\*Forest management

\*Invasive plants

\*Advertise for consulting services offered by the NCC

\*Slopes and erosion control

\*Prime ag land: Tell the landowner that the data is available and the NCC will check the land for them.

- Historic and cultural resources
- Rare and natural communities

Last week of June the Beaver Deceiver will be installed on Tigertown road.

Values data has been almost completely mapped. We'll have maps done soon and the project is under budget.

Olmstead reported the Norwich Women's Club sent a check for \$500 to purchase timber for trail work on Gile Mountain.

Ompompanusuc Watershed Council wants to know if Norwich would like to participate in phase 2 of a geomorphic assessment. The letter from the Council also asked if the NCC might be able to help with the fieldwork. Craig will volunteer the NCC.

Minutes of May were moved and approved.