

Norwich Conservation Committee Approved Minutes

July 21, 2009

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

Absent: Brian Kuntz, Peter Silberfarb

Norman Miller spoke about the upcoming Norwich and the River program. He'd like the NCC to co-sponsor with Keeping Track. The NCC will receive income from the sale of the book to advance Norwich river conservation projects. Motion that the NCC will be a co-sponsor the event and be listed by the program. Motion passed.

Pierce and Goulet volunteered to sell the new book at the event.

Budget: Pierce asked the NCC to think about items for consideration for next year's budget.

Layne showed the brochures done by the Hartford Conservation Commission. The NCC will distribute copies in various locations in town.

The values maps are done.

The beaver flow device on Tigertown has been in place for a couple weeks and it is working fine.

The geomorphic study of the Ompompanoosuc is underway.

Morinville is the coordinator for the Norwich section of the Source to Sea Clean-up on October 3.

Hubbard discussed the Energy Commission solar project as the NCC has interest in learning more. The NCC should follow their work-in-progress.

Olmstead presented the rough draft of the NCC best practices pamphlet. Olmstead asked NCC members to send items within the categories. It could be a constant work in progress that is updated as we get better sources.

The Trails Committee reported that maintenance issues were discussed for the Ballard Trail, Gile Mountain trails, and Parcel 5. In June and July 2009, with conditions wetter than normal, an average of 8.8 people per day passed through the lower section of the Ballard Trail as determined with the automatic counter.

Moved June minutes and approved.