

Norwich Conservation Commission Approved Minutes, 20 July 2010

Present: Genevieve Morinville, Bill Pierce, David Hubbard, Dan Goulet, Frank Olmstead, Steve Gaughan, Craig Layne

Absent: Brian Kunz, Peter Silberfarb

Commencement 7:10 pm

The protective classification status of the wetland between Cliff and Carpenter streets was discussed. The status will be confirmed with the zoning administrator.

Linking Lands Alliance wildlife initiative maps were discussed as a potential tool to improve public outreach about what lives and moves among our backyards, to help set conservation project priorities, and to facilitate town planning that considers wildlife habitats and corridors in a spatially-explicit manner.

Conservation priorities with respect to the conservation trust fund were discussed. Fund-raising only when a targeted project exists was generally endorsed.

Conservation priorities with respect to future resource inventory projects were also discussed. The feasibility of natural communities mapping will be investigated. Maintaining a record of past NCC activities, projects and conservation accomplishments was discussed. P. Silberfarb will be asked to recreate, update and maintain his Town Eating Day list of “things we have done”.

This year’s Source-to-Sea cleanup of the Connecticut River is scheduled for Saturday, 2 October. The NCC will organize volunteers in town. Twelve volunteers will receive event t-shirts. G. Morinville moved and F. Olmstead seconded that the NCC spend \$120 to have 12 t-shirts made for the event (unanimous approval).

Trails committee activities were reported by D. Hubbard. Recent activities include Ballard trail work, bridge work by the VYCC, and knotweed cutting for which P. Silberfarb has been awarded the Huck Finn prize after convincing the committee to cut these invasive plants on a Saturday then splitting town himself.

The minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Adjournment 8:45 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne