

Norwich Conservation Commission Approved Minutes, 21 September 2010

Present: Genevieve Morinville, Peter Silberfarb, Steve Gaughan, Craig Layne, Brian Kunz, David Hubbard, Bill Pierce

Absent: Dan Goulet, Frank Olmstead

Commencement 7:07 pm

Peter Helm of the UVLT discussed the Hanover Youth in Action group performing an invasive plants pulling project in the conserved portion of the Rte. 5 gateway property on Sat., 25 Sept., 9 am - 12 pm. The public is welcome to participate in the session intended to serve more as an educational experience regarding invasive plants identification and control than it is a work session. Nevertheless participants should bring work gloves. A second session will occur on Fri., 1 Oct. Participants will hopefully learn to identify invasive species and be able to “catch them early on” with eradication projects of their own at other locations. A follow up session looking for native plants released from competition will occur in the spring.

C. Layne motioned and B. Pierce seconded that the NCC should purchase a stem injector for battling invasive Japanese knotweed. \$400 of expenditure was unanimously approved.

G. Morinville announced that the 2010 CT river cleanup, part of the Source-to-Sea cleanup run by the CRWC, will occur on Sat., 2 Oct, 9 am – 12 pm. Volunteer participants should sign up as indicated in the listserve/global list postings or at the bulletin board in Tracy Hall; then meet at the Ompompanoosuc River boat launch on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. D. Goulet will arrange a boat to serve as a garbage barge. Pete Webster will secure free dumping permission at the landfill. Garbage pickup points successively through the morning will be at Wilson’s Landing (NH), Ledyard Canoe Club (NH) and Wilder Dam Park (VT). Canoes will be available for use or you may bring your own. Pickup trucks would be useful. The need for advertizing earlier next year was discussed.

D. Hubbard reported a trails committee workday is happening this Sat., 25 Sept. Public participants are most welcome. Meet in the Huntley meadow parking lot at 8 am.

P. Silberfarb reported the Coverts group (facilitators of wildlife habitats) is holding an auction fundraiser at Riverledge Farm in Grafton this Sat., 25 Sept., 8 am – 12 pm.

C. Layne motioned and B. Pierce seconded that the NCC cover the remaining costs of the Linking Lands Alliance wildlife-habitats and corridors map production (printing) and protection (covering). \$140 of reimbursement expenditure was unanimously approved.

B. Pierce motioned and P. SilberFarb seconded that the NCC July minutes be approved as written. The minutes were approved 6-0-1.

Adjournment 8:14 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne