

Norwich Conservation Commission approved minutes of 15 May 2012

Present: Peter Silberfarb, Bill Pierce, David Hubbard, Dan Goulet, Frank Olmstead, Steve Gaughan, Martha Graber, Craig Layne

Public Present: Sarah Reeves

Commencement 7:10 pm

S. Reeves presented the commission with information about the tree planting to be done on River Day, 1 June. The replacement tree for the damaged hemlock will be planted in the early afternoon. She also encouraged the commission and trails committee to work with landowners to develop a connector trail from the gateway to Hopson Rd.

The commission is once again grateful to those who donated even more money towards tree planting.

Willow stakes will be prepped for River Day planting on 19 May with Lindsay Putnam. Commissioners will help with the prep.

P. Silberfarb reported there is concern in town that other streams will be destructively channelized and bank-hardened like Blood Brook was along Beaver Meadow road.

B. Pierce motioned and Steve Gaughan seconded that, if more funds are needed to cover tree planting costs, the commission contribute up to \$500 in matching funds. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Layne motioned and Bill Pierce seconded that commission funds in the amount of \$100 be used to cover the registration costs of the UVLT's natural history training being attended by M. Graber. The motion was approved unanimously.

The commissioners began the process of "putting to map" the town's important natural features, not already mapped. These include wildlife corridors, natural community forest types, distinctive habitats, wetland complexes, distinctive forest matrices, geologic features, etc...

Bill Pierce motioned and F. Olmstead seconded that the minutes of 17 April 2012 be approved. They were approved unanimously.

Adjournment 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Craig Layne