

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 16 September 2014

Present: Norm Miller, Craig Layne, David Hubbard, Steve Gaughan, Peter Silberfarb, Dan Goulet

Absent: David Hobson, Martha Graber, Bill Pierce

Commencement 7:05 pm

Peg Merrens from the UV Land Trust presented a conservation opportunity along Blood Brook and Warner meadow, a forested parcel with one open area. The landowner's hope is to establish an easement prior to future sale. Help from the commission in fundraising was requested. The commission responded positively. Peg will come back to the commission in the fall with more information after conferring with the landowner and the Warner meadow group.

C. Layne moved that the commission purchase a second Japanese knotweed injector, P. Silberfarb seconded, approved unanimously.

P. Silberfarb will look into the cost of hiring a private contractor to mow wild parsnip along town roadways. N. Miller will look into the cost of hiring a consultant to map invasive plants along town roadways.

C. Layne reported that the Ct. R. Watershed Council is writing a grant to combat invasive plants along the river and will be seeking partnership from Norwich to tackle some Phragmites in the Ompompanoosuc estuary. The Commission responded positively.

N. Miller suggested the commission run an educational session on the cultural and natural history of the Connecticut River. The commission will look into the idea for the spring.

D. Hubbard reported that work continues on the Ballard trail.

June and August 2014 minutes were moved (N. Miller), seconded (P. Silberfarb) and approved unanimously.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, October 15 2014, 7 pm.

Adjournment 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary