

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 19 May 2015

Present: Bill Pierce, Craig Layne, David Hubbard, Jennifer Gillrich, Peter Silberfarb, Chris Rimmer, Norm Miller

Absent: Martha Graber, David Hobson

Public Present: Jeannie McIntyre, Peg Merrens, Ron Rhodes, Lindsay Putnam

Commencement 7:05 pm

B. Pierce moved April minutes for approval (C. Layne second), approved unanimously.

R. Rhodes discussed the Ompompanoosuc River Phragmites project. B. Pierce moved the NCC spend \$1000 to make the year one treatments of Phragmites by the CRWC happen in full (J. Gillrich second), approved unanimously.

L. Putnam discussed the invasives plants removal project in the Norwich Nature Area. A local contractor can do the project for \$5400 in year one, \$800 in year two and \$500 in year three. The meadow will be mowed and then the streamside will be planted with native shrubs. Several foundations with possible grants were suggested. Monitoring the advertised 90% rate of removal success was also discussed. A small shelter in the Nature Area was also discussed. The NCC will get the other bids and shelter information before the June meeting to facilitate voting on the funding of the projects.

P. Merrens discussed the conservation easement project on the Grigg's Mtn. property along the AT. The land trust is seeking endowment contributions of \$5000 for stewardship management and \$4000 for various transaction fees and legal/staff costs. The timing for the project is summer 2015. B. Pierce moved the NCC recommend to the selectboard that \$9000 from the conservation trust fund be used to conserve the Wiggin's property by covering those endowment, legal and staff costs (N. Miller second), approved unanimously.

C. Rimmer discussed using iNaturalist to track invasive plants in Norwich.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, 16 June 2015, 7 pm

Adjournment 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary