

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 20 January 2015

Present: Craig Layne, David Hubbard, David Hobson, Martha Graber, Norm Miller, Jennifer Gillrich

Absent: Bill Pierce, Peter Silberfarb, a ninth member

Public Present: Nick Krembs, Joan Allen

Commencement 7:05 pm

December minutes moved for approval by D. Hubbard (N. Miller second), approved unanimously.

N. Krembs and D. Hubbard reported on the status of the blue ribbon trail. A middle section is closed due to the posting of no trespassing signs by the landowner. Perhaps the trail should be established more formally with all of the landowners.

J. Allen a consultant for the CRWC reported their project to control invasive plants in the river corridor. There is a patch of Phragmites in the Ompompanoosuc estuary west of the I91 bridge that they will be removing likely with barge dredging and selective herbicide treatments over two to three years. The commission would be involved and will consider future phases working on other patches. The council also works on dam removal and riparian revegetation projects.

D. Hubbard reported that the Public Works department was wondering if the Peisch meadow will need to be mowed each year. He will advise Public Works to coordinate initially with the Nature Area Committee.

M. Graber has resigned as chair. M. Graber nominated D. Hubbard as chair (C. Layne second), approved unanimously.

N. Miller requested ideas about how to encourage conservation in the New Boston watershed.

J. Gillrich will be posting Keeping Track photos at the Post Office display.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, 17 February 2015, 7 pm

Adjournment 8:45 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary