

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 17 March 2015

Present: Craig Layne, David Hubbard, Jennifer Gillrich, Peter Silberfarb

Absent: Martha Graber, Norm Miller, David Hobson, Bill Pierce

Public Present: Peg Merrens, Jon Bouton, Chris Polatin, Joan Allen

Commencement 7:10 pm

J. Allen gave a synopsis of the grant to manage Phragmites in the Ompompanoosuc estuary.

C. Polatin presented Phragmites control options. Generally, primary winter cutting and removal, secondary growing-season physical or chemical treatment and removal (90% control between winter and summer), tertiary follow-up treatments over two additional years (cumulative 95% and 99% control, respectively), and quaternary long-term management plans of resprout removals by manual methods are required.

P. Merrens presented the status of the conservation easement project along Hopson road. The appraisal has been completed, fund-raising will begin soon and the NCC has been asked to support the project.

J. Gillrich moved (P. Silberfarb seconded) that the NCC support the UVLT's Rieser property conservation easement project in spirit and monetarily in the amount of \$5,000, approved unanimously.

February minutes moved for approval by C. Layne (D. Hubbard seconded), approved unanimously as amended.

D. Hubbard moved (C. Layne seconded) that the NCC support the Connecticut River Watershed Council proposal to eradicate the Phragmites west of I91 in the Ompompanoosuc estuary, approved unanimously.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, 21 April 2015, 7 pm

Adjournment 9:30 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary