

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 19 April 2016

Present: Craig Layne, Jennifer Goulet, Peter Silberfarb, Norm Miller, David Hubbard, David Hobson

Absent: Martha Graber, Chris Rimmer

Commencement 7:10 pm

March minutes moved for approval (D. Hubbard 1st, N. Miller 2nd), approved unanimously.

New members were discussed and one person has submitted an application to the select board.

D. Hobson discussed the upcoming listserv postings about honeysuckle and barberry.

J. Goulet discussed the next Times article on gardening with native plants.

Group discussed an invasive plants workshop (talk and walk) with Jon Boutin on 14 May, 9 am talk (Tracy Hall) and walk to follow (Nature Area).

P. Silberfarb will contribute photos to a wildflower photo album on the NCC Google drive to be shared with the public.

J. Goulet discussed the nascent idea about a multi-use trail in a loop through Norwich. The conservation commission does not currently take a position on the Norwich community loop trail, but they do hope that the needs of wildlife (including critical habitats, contiguous forest and refuge from disturbance) are considered in the discussion, planning and implementation.

D. Hubbard discussed his forthcoming application to the Norwich Women's Club for additional funding of \$2,300 for the Charles Brown Brook dam removal feasibility study.

N. Miller discussed drone use for conservation work, mapping forest cover, landscape features, tree health, etc.

Adjournment 8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary