

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 21 April 2015

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

Absent: Martha Graber, Bill Pierce

Public Present: Peg Merrens

Commencement 7:05 pm

C. Rimmer was welcomed to the commission. He was updated on the latest actions of the commission.

N. Miller moved March minutes (D. Hopson second), approved unanimously.

P. Merrens described a few UVLT projects in Norwich. One is an easement donation on 40 acres of property adjacent to the Appalachian Trail corridor in the southwest corner of town with costs covered. Another is on the other side of the corridor, 50 acres in size, in the Jericho area and is also an easement donation. Administrative costs for the second project will be outlined soon and it is hoped the NCC can support the particular project and encourage easement donations with financial support. And another is a farm project in the Goodrich-Four Corners area with a proposed easement on the forested portion and the adjacent field portions hopefully possessing the option to be purchased at agricultural values by a farmer. Depending on federal and state funding the project may be fund-raising to support the budget and would benefit from endorsement and financial support from the town. The commission will do a site visit in late spring.

D. Hubbard discussed spending \$1,100 to help the CT River Watershed Council pay for the Phragmites removal project in the Ompompanoosuc estuary. He will check to see if we have the funds and contact the council to let them know one way or the other.

A map of roadside wild parsnip in town needs to be made, perhaps with My Naturalist and GIS. Then a mower could be used or volunteers could be organized to control it.

D. Hubbard reported on the trails committee work.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, 19 May 2015, 7 pm

Adjournment 9:00 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary