

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 16 August 2016

Present: Craig Layne, Jennifer Goulet, Phyllis Katz, Norm Miller, David Hobson, David Hubbard

Absent: Peter Silberfarb, Chris Rimmer, Martha Graber

Commencement 7:00 pm

July minutes moved for approval (D. Hubbard 1st, D. Hobson 2nd), approved unanimously.

J. Goulet reported that the invasive plants fact sheet series on the listerv is progressing. Japanese knotweed will be next with purple loosestrife, common reed, goutweed, and wild chervil to follow.

J. Goulet reported that the CT River Watershed Council secured a federal grant to work on tributary dam removals. An engineering firm was hired to research the potential removal of the Charles Brown Brook old reservoir dam.

J. Goulet reported about the Keeping Track talk in Norwich about cougars on Friday, 28 October, and the commission's opportunity to contribute \$200 to support the talk. P. Katz moved that the NCC contribute \$200 to help host the talk (N. Miller 2nd), approved unanimously.

N. Miller reported on the potential for a Norwich bird week to include talks, art displays, walks, boy scout birding activities, public outreach, slide shows, videos, habitat protection projects, and outreach to the elementary school. A subcommittee (N. Miller, C. Rimmer, P. Katz, P. Silberfarb and anyone else interested) has formed to develop a NCC sponsored bird week.

D. Hubbard reported on a proposed conservation easement along Rte. 132 and the Ompompanoosuc River.

Adjournment 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary