

Norwich Conservation Commission Meeting
Draft Minutes
March 26, 2019

In attendance: Lynwood Andrews, Courtney Dragiff, David Hobson, David Hubbard, Craig Layne, Norm Miller, Mary Sellmann, Brie Swenson

Absent: Chris Rimmer

Public: George Clark, Jim Faughnan, Pete Griggs, Lisa Niccolai

Commencement: 7:05pm

Approval of February minutes was moved by Brie Swenson, seconded by Norm Miller, and approved unanimously.

Lisa Niccolai from the White River Conservation District described ongoing programs at the District, including riparian tree planting. The commission discussed potential planting projects along Charles Brown Brook, Bloody Brook, and in Campbell Flats.

George Clark reported on the Norwich Fire District lands and the legal status of their development rights.

The commission discussed management of the Milton Frye Nature Area and the draft forest management plan.

Courtney Dragiff reported on this winter's Japanese knotweed workshop at the Montshire Museum. The commission discussed physical and chemical control options, general control strategies, and specific steps the town could take to reduce the spread of knotweed in Norwich.

George Clark and Pete Griggs discussed next month's meeting the Trails Committee. Craig Layne reported on his initial research into public pathways in Vermont and different funding sources that could be applied towards recreational or transit-oriented pathways.

The commission discussed its efforts to catalogue the roadside ash resource in Norwich. A census of roadside ash has been completed on Union Village Road, and the commission will complete a census on the remaining Class 2 town highways later this spring.

Lynwood Andrews solicited topic suggestions for the next Norwich Times article, which will appear in the June edition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.