Norwich Conservation Commission Meeting Draft Minutes June 18, 2019

In attendance: Lynwood Andrews, Cheryl Asa, David Hobson, David Hubbard, Craig Layne, Norm Miller, Mary Sellmann, and Cody Williams

Absent: Chris Rimmer

Commencement: 7:02pm.

The commission reviewed the previous month's funding proposal from the Upper Valley Land Trust to conserve the Parker property, south of Huntley Meadow between Main Street and Beaver Meadow Road. David Hubbard moved to fund the full \$20,000 request, seconded by Norm Miller. Motion was approved unanimously with one abstention (D. Hobson).

Norm Miller gave an update on gathering input for the Town Plan. The commission discussed the nature of potential suggestions for the Planning Commission, and how best to integrate those suggestions into a comprehensive document with specific, actionable items. Lynwood Andrews, Cheryl Asa, David Hubbard, Craig Layne, Mary Sellmann, and Cody Williams will form a subcommittee to work on collating suggestions.

The commission weighed approaches for the roadside management of invasive species by the Public Works Department. The commission recommended washing town mowing and ditching equipment following use, and to avoid mowing Japanese knotweed where possible.

Mary Sellmann moved (Cheryl Asa seconded) to adopt the following slate of officers for the next fiscal year: Craig Layne, chairperson; Lynwood Andrews, vice-chairperson; David Hubbard, treasurer; David Hobson, secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Asa and Lynwood Andrews reported on the Resilient Vermont Conference. Key take home lessons included determining the steps can be taken in the near-term future to set the stage for action 10 or 15 years from now; what emergency preparedness and infrastructure improvements can be made; and how to best build tight-knit and resilient communities.

Approval of May minutes was moved by Norm Miller, seconded by David Hubbard, and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm.