

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 20 October 2015

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

Absent: Martha Graber, Bill Pierce, Jennifer Goulet

Commencement 7:05 pm

P. Silberfarb moved acceptance of September minutes (N. Miller second), approved unanimously.

D. Hobson discussed the invasive plants committee's ideas about education (periodic listserve posts, guest speakers, workshops, Norwich Times recurring articles, Post Office display, coordination with nurseries, Boy Scout programs, VINS programs, garden clubs and experts) and management (control vs. eradication, planning goals, timing, mechanical control, chemical control, food harvest, livestock). Education content would include ecology, natural history, impacts, classification, identification, reproduction and dispersal, site identification, control and iNaturalist. Species of concern include wild parsnip, wild chervil, glossy buckthorn, common buckthorn, common reed, garlic mustard, honeysuckle, Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, burning bush, autumn olive, Japanese barberry, oriental bittersweet, swallowwort, goutweed, reed canary grass.

P. Silberfarb reported on the monitoring of Bragg Hill. He found a large patch of Japanese knotweed, a large stand of glossy buckthorn, an enormous hillside patch of goutweed and a few giant burning bushes.

D. Hubbard reported the trails committee is busy on Gile Mountain and is about out of grant money.

Adjournment 7:50 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary