

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 16 June 2015

Present: Craig Layne, David Hubbard, Jennifer Gillrich, Martha Graber, David Hobson

Absent: Chris Rimmer, Norm Miller, Peter Silberfarb, Bill Pierce

Public Present: Lindsay Putnam, Jeannie McIntyre, Elizabeth Russell

Commencement 7:05 pm

L. Putnam described the approach and the contract for about \$5,066 to treat for invasive plants in the nature area beginning later this month. The area will be closed for 10 days during and immediately after spraying. The state forester will verify the promised 90% kill rate. \$1,900 has been donated for the project. C. Layne moved (D. Hubbard second) that the NCC contribute the remaining \$3,166 to the project, the funds to be taken from this fiscal year's budget as much as possible and the balance from the next fiscal year's budget, approved unanimously.

J. McIntyre described the gift of Norwich Farms given to the Vermont Technical College and the important role played by the UVLT in purchasing 345 acres of forest and meadow for conservation from the VTC. C. Layne moved (J. Gillrich second) that the NCC fully supports the project and will recommend to the select board that the town contribute \$30,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund to the monetary needs of the project, approved unanimously.

J. Gillrich moved May minutes for approval (C. Layne second), approved unanimously.

J. Gillrich discussed iNaturalist to track invasive plants in Norwich. Next month the commission will set goals for use of the mapping data.

D. Hubbard reported on the trails committee rerouting part of the Ballard Trail and the closing of the Blue Ribbon Trail.

Next NCC meeting is Tuesday, 21 July 2015, 7 pm

Adjournment 8:50 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne, secretary