

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 15 November 2016

Present: Craig Layne, David Hubbard, Peter Silberfarb, David Hobson, Mary Salmon

Absent: Chris Rimmer, Jennifer Goulet, Norm Miller

Commencement 7:05 pm

October minutes moved for approval (P. Silberfarb 1st, D. Hubbard 2nd), approved unanimously.

The commission is seeking a ninth member.

Norwich Times article possible topics were discussed. Planting native shrubs and community projects to control Japanese knotweed were discussed as good topics for 2017. It was decided that the best and most timely topic might be the effects of multi-use trails in unfragmented forest habitats on wildlife. J. Goulet, D. Hubbard, M. Salmon, and C. Layne will investigate the topic further.

P. Silberfarb moved (M. Salmon 2nd) that the NCC research and implement the removal of invasive shrubs from the Norwich Senior Housing hedgerow and assist with their replacement with native shrubs, approved unanimously.

P. Silberfarb and C. Layne completed the goutweed fact sheet and distributed it for editorial comments. It will be posted in the Google docs after review.

M. Salmon reported that the cougar talk was filled to capacity and well received.

D. Hubbard reported on the effort to have a mountain bike trail run south of Beaver Meadow Road from the uphill end of the Ballard trail down to the powerline cut on the side of Charles Brown Brook opposite the Ballard trail.

The Hanover Biodiversity Committee will be running polinator gardening and management workshops in 2017 and there may be the opportunity for the NCC to be involved. The organizational meeting is Dec. 5, 8:30 am, in Hanover at the Black Community Center.

Welcome, Mary, to the commission.

Adjournment 7:50

Minutes Submitted by C. Layne