

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 16 January 2018

Present: Craig Layne, Mary Sellmann, Lynnwood Andrews, Chris Rimmer, Peter Silberfarb, Courtney Dragiff

Absent: Norm Miller, David Hubbard, David Hobson

Public: Jeff Goodrich, Brie Swenson

Commencement 7:10 pm

November minutes moved for approval as written by C. Rimmer (P. Silberfarb 2nd), approved unanimously.

The VT climate pledge approved by the Energy Committee, NCC, and Planning Commission for presentation to the select board was discussed. The accompanying draft memorandum from the EC to the select board was distributed to NCC members. Any comments for the EC about their memo to the select board will be forwarded to the EC.

J. Goodrich explained why the town plan was being updated and the schedule to do so. NCC members asked him questions they had about the changes and the process. The goal of the exchange was to provide background to NCC members.

B. Swenson presented the Trails Committee mission statement. C. Rimmer moved (P. Silberfarb 2nd) that the NCC approve the mission statement as amended by P. Silberfarb, i.e. to include a line about how trails would avoid rare and sensitive species as well as minimize impacts on all flora and fauna, approved unanimously.

B. Swenson shared some exploits of Lantern Walks at the village Nature Area and asked if commissioners would be willing to lead any future walks. There was interest in NCC led walks about birds, wildlife, and winter tracks.

The Norwich Times needs an NCC article by the end of January for the Spring edition. C. Dragiff, D. Hobson, and D. Hubbard, along with Nature Area leaders will work on an article about the Nature Area.

A Bird Weekend was proposed for the 2nd weekend in May. Planning for it will happen at future meetings and its events, a selection of those from last year's Bird Week, will be advertised on the list-serve and at the post office.

Adjournment 9:15

Minutes Submitted by C. Layne