

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 15 May 2018

Present: David Hubbard, Mary Sellmann, Craig Layne, Lynnwood Andrews, Courtney Dragiff, David Hobson, Brie Swenson, Chris Rimmer

Absent: Norm Miller

Public: Katie Kitchell

Commencement 7:05 pm

April minutes moved by D. Hubbard for approval as written, C. Rimmer 2nd, approved unanimously.

K. Kitchell discussed the upcoming retirement of two Marian Cross personnel and two potential projects in the Nature Area to honor them. The ideas will be run by the UVLT to ensure they are allowable under the easement.

Japanese knotweed is doing well. J. Frishtick would like to know when the NCC will next work on the experimental plots. C. Rimmer, C. Dragiff, and C. Layne offered to visit the plots during one of the dates sent to J. Frishtick. The commission will also check on the Phragmites treated upstream of the Ompompanoosuc estuary.

C. Layne moved that the NCC contribute \$750 to the Marian Cross LEEP program, D. Hubbard 2nd, approved unanimously

D. Hubbard moved that the NCC contribute \$200 to the Garlic Mustard bookmark printing by the Hanover CC and suggested that the NCC get a couple hundred bookmarks of each species (Garlic Mustard and Japanese Barberry) for distribution in Norwich, C. Rimmer 2nd, approved unanimously.

The NCC will do a site visit at Melendy Parcel to peruse invasive plants on Saturday, 19 May, 8:30 am at the parcel.

C. Rimmer moved that C. Layne be chair and D. Hobson be secretary for the next year, D. Hubbard 2nd, approved unanimously.

Bird banding on Sunday attracted 20+ participants. Highlights included Wilson's and Yellow-rumped warblers, Chipping sparrows, Gray catbirds as well as kids releasing the caught birds.

The NCC welcomes Brie Swenson to the commission.

The NCC extends a huge thank you to Peter Silberfarb for his decades of service, sparkling wit, inciteful humor, and wealth of wisdom. His retirement from the commission came too soon. He will be missed at every meeting.

Adjournment 8:15

Minutes Submitted by C. Layne