

Norwich Conservation Commission Meeting
Draft Minutes
August 21, 2018

In attendance: Courtney Dragiff, David Hobson, David Hubbard, Craig Layne, Chris Rimmer, Mary Sellmann, Brie Swenson

Absent: Lynwood Andrews, Norm Miller

Public: None

Commencement: 7:00pm

Approval of July minutes was moved by Mary Sellmann, seconded by Brie Swenson, and approved unanimously.

Mary Sellmann gave an update on the new post office display, and the commission discussed potential replacements (invasive species, Emerald Ash Borer).

A discussion followed about meeting with the Norwich tree warden regarding mapping of Norwich's high-risk roadside white ash resource and any plans to protect individual ash trees. Potential to-do items: contact the tree warden; contact the town manager; map the white ash, possibly using the iNaturalist platform; update the post office display; contact John Bouton about Hartford's ash borer efforts.

The commission discussed potential topics for future articles in the Norwich Times, including citizen science, and stream repair.

Craig Layne reported on a meeting with the Trails Committee regarding a potential trail on Norwich Fire District Parcel One, along Kate Wallace Road. The area in question is inside a major north-south wildlife corridor that passes through Norwich. Craig proposed a field trip to examine the area.

The commission spent some time reviewing, cataloging, and triaging archived files.

The next commission meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm