

Norwich Conservation Commission Meeting
Draft Minutes
May 21, 2019

In attendance: Cheryl Asa, Lynwood Andrews, David Hobson, David Hubbard, Craig Layne, Norm Miller, Chris Rimmer, Mary Sellmann, Cody Williams

Public: Susan Brink, Ernie Ciccotelli, Linda Cook, Nick Krembs, Peg Merrens, Robert Parker

Commencement: 7:02pm.

Approval of April minutes was moved by xxx, seconded by xxx, and approved unanimously.

Susan Brink and Ernie Ciccotelli from the Planning Commission gave a presentation on the progress of the ongoing revisions to the town plan. The commission discussed possible actions the town should prioritize to improve air quality, water quality, wildlife, and the quality of the forest. David Hubbard suggested a review of wetland and vernal pool buffers along with ridgetop development guidelines. Lynwood Andrews suggested reviewing forest and wildlife habitat connectivity and how to protect them from development. Chris Rimmer suggested adding vernal pools to the planning and development algorithm.

The commission will compile answers, comments, questions, and suggestions regarding the new town plan, as outlined in the guidance document from the Planning Commission, by the end of May. Norm Miller will compile the feedback and on May 27 he will remind individuals to send it, if they have not already done so.

Peg Merrens described a conservation opportunity in the center of Norwich, south of Huntley Meadow between Main Street and Beaver Meadow Road. The commission will deliberate and discuss at its June meeting.

Nick Krembs reported that the protocol for addressing new trail proposals and the list of landscape features for addressing conservation concerns within the protocol are good and all that are needed going forward.

Chris Rimmer moved (Lynwood Andrews seconded) that the Commission approve \$750 for disbursement to LEEP, approved unanimously.

The Conservation Commission will be doing a bank stabilization project, involving riparian planting, with the White River Natural Resources Conservation District, on the south side of Blood Brook along Beaver Meadow Road.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.