

Norwich Conservation Commission Meeting
Draft Minutes
October 15, 2019

In attendance: Lynnwood Andrews, Cheryl Asa, David Hobson, Craig Layne, Chris Rimmer, Mary Sellmann, and Cody Williams

Absent: David Hubbard, Norm Miller

Public: None

Commencement: 7:05pm

Cody Williams led a discussion about the development of the new Conservation Commission website – overall design and feel, what content should be included, how the site should be structured, and how user access should be created and delegated. Cody will begin development of a draft website for review in the coming months.

Chris Rimmer reported on phragmites reconnaissance in the Ompompanoosuc River. Chris and Craig Layne reported sighting over 250 flowering stems that were impossible to manually pull; snipping off the flowering heads was the best alternative. An application of Rodeo is likely the only practical way of combating this population of phragmites. Red Start Forestry might be able to tackle this area along with the patch at the top of Beaver Meadow Road.

Lynnwood Andrews gave an update on the potential pollinator meadow on the south side of Huntley Meadow. She has been in contact with Cathy Neal at the University of New Hampshire and will be reaching out to Mike Bald about ways to eradicate buckhorn and other invasives.

Craig Layne reported on a visit he made to the potential Town Forest expansion project at the end of Turnpike Road. He expects additional progress and developments later this fall.

Cheryl Asa led a discussion about how best to plan and organize commission-sponsored guest speakers and other educational events for the general public. Chris Rimmer proposed planning a minimum of 1 event a year.

Craig Layne volunteered several references and resources for the upcoming article about winter adaptation that will appear in the next edition of the Norwich Times.

Lynnwood Andrews moved to approve the September minutes, Chris Rimmer seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:51pm.