

Norfolk Conservation Commission July 20, 2016 meeting minutes

Present: John Anderson, Libby Borden, Shelley Harms, Martha Klein

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made to approve May minutes, seconded, all vote aye, May minutes approved.

Correspondence:

Shelley wrote annual report which is posted on the town website.

Martha will send condolence card to former NCC member, Elizabeth Potter.

Martha will make copies of Norfolk bird inventory for the Weekend in Norfolk and will leave in Sue Frisch's folder at the town hall.

Budget and Expenses:

\$2000 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Old Business:

June Native Plant exchange was well attended, and the Lawn Alternatives talk by Mike Nadeau was appreciated and had an impact: a handful of people have said they intend to do less mowing. Buttermilk Falls Park: Nash removed the large Euonymus (Burning Bush). Shelley, Martha and a volunteer did an invasive plant pulling after Nash's removal. A large brush pile was removed by the town Dept. of Public Works.

New Business:

Discussion of filling vacancy for alternate on NCC. John will follow up with potential candidate.

Discussion of Buttermilk Falls invasive plant removal plan for the coming year. Old, large Norway maple tree in Buttermilk Falls need to be removed, as it constantly fosters seedlings. Shelley obtained bids for the large tree removal which were too high for our budget. We need other bids, and Libby made recommendations that Shelley will follow up on. Discussion of other, less expensive options for managing tree: girdling, dropping tree. Following tree cutting, stump may need recutting to minimize seedlings, if herbicide is not used. Use of natural herbicide is a possibility; we need to check with Nash regarding cost and feasibility.

The question is if it's reasonable to spend our entire budget on invasive tree/plant removal.

Motion made to elect John as chair, motion seconded, all voted aye. Congratulations to John on election as chair.

7:35 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Martha Klein, secretary.