

Norfolk Conservation Commission meeting minutes, August 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: John Anderson, Shelley Harms, Martha Klein

Motion made to approve July minutes, seconded, minutes approved.

Correspondence: Shelley will look at email account and attempt to gain access for Martha and John.

Martha will call Barbara at Town Hall and ask if she can leave door open or if Martha can come in and pick up key on meeting night. Martha will check snail mail before NCC meetings.

Old Business: Discussion of large Norway maple that we need to remove in Buttermilk Falls. Shelley obtained two bids; the better bid is \$2500, and the person was recommended by Libby. They will cut tree down and remove, only stump will be left.

We need to have another work day in Buttermilk Falls; discussion of brush removal, using torch, chain saw, etc.

October or November will be best for Work Day.

New Business: John will speak to potential candidate about willingness to serve and will speak to Sue Dyer about our recommendation to be appointed.

New Animal sighting: Grey Egret at Dennis Hill (on website). Need to update bird list. Whenever we list a new species, we add a blurb and a photo to the website. Shelley will update the bird list, and add blurb and photo to website.

Discussion of roles and activities of members. Discussion of updating the NRI, perhaps annually. Specifically, updating the bird checklist, the butterfly list, the plant list.

We need to get periodic reprints and to include updates in the printed NRI. When we are ready to do that, we need to ask Adair about reprints, as she did the reprints in the past. Mary Fanette can add updates to the NRI. Shelley will continue to update the NCC FaceBook page.

Educational activities: doing yearly presentations, perhaps doing lawn alternatives talk again. Consider doing demonstration area in town, i.e. unmowed area of Buffalo grass. Increase coordination with regulatory bodies in town. Bottelle wet meadow was mowed.

Action Items:

Nash to bring signs to Town Hall garden.

Need to follow up on O'Malley land Near Pond Hill. What is disposition of the land?

Shelley will hire tree cutter to cut Norway maple.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes prepared by Martha Klein, secretary