

**Conservation Commission, Town Of Norfolk  
PO Box 552, Norfolk, CT 06058**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order 6:04 p.m. by Commission Chair Anderson. In attendance were John Anderson, Shelley Harms, and Martha Klein.

**Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the September minutes.

**Correspondence:** Announcement in *The Habitat* that the annual CACIWC conference is scheduled for Nov. 23; we should sign up together to get membership discount. Let Anderson know if you plan to attend.

**Budget and Expenses:** no update.

**Public Comment Period** was deferred as no members of the public were present.

**Old Business**

**Road Salt Testing-** tabled

**Village Green-**tabled

**City Meadow-** tabled

**Memorial Green-**tabled

**Botelle School Wet Meadow-** Purple loosestrife and phragmites remain. Anderson asked town to hold off mowing until November. Uncommon willows noted to be growing in wet meadow. Anderson needs to mark plants that shouldn't be cut and we need to schedule a work day this fall. Need to mow in the autumn or less fringed gentian will grow in the spring.

**NRI 10 year update-** will now be the 11 year update. Anderson needs all updates and new material in by the end of the year. **Action Items:** Anderson will follow up with map company for the estimate. Klein will submit climate change article by end of November.

**Nov. 9th event, Invasive plant inventory-** meet at the Hub at 10:00am to noon. We will do a walking inventory of invasive plants in downtown area: around city meadow, along Station Place, Curtis and Shepard Roads, along Route 44, and ideally ending at Buttermilk Falls Park to demonstrate the tree girdling method of removal.

### **Invasive Plant removal- 2019 Work-days**

Discussion of roadside management by utilities, who tend to leave invasive plants undisturbed. Harms will send a letter to AT&T regarding the need to remove roadside Burning Bush. Harms reported from September work day- Norway maple and saplings were removed, but Norway maples persist along bank of Blackberry River. A discussion was held regarding the girdling of trees, as an inexpensive and non-toxic management tactic.

It would be beneficial to research and make management recommendations regarding removing invasive plants in rights-of-way to Norfolk DPW; specifically a protocol for dealing with giant knot weed is needed. We plan to gather background information, then work on recommendations over the winter, Dec-Jan. **Action Item:** Klein will continue to investigate best roadside management practices.

**Next Work-day: Saturday, November 2 from 9am to 11am at Buttermilk Falls Park** to remove Norway maple saplings and girdle large trees.

### **Plastics Ban- deferred**

### **New Business**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Martha Klein, secretary  
October 28, 2019