

Cumberland/North Yarmouth Joint Standing Committee

*Pam Ames
Jim Moulton*

*Mike Edes
Bill Stiles
George Turner*

Minutes Monday, May 2, 2016 North Yarmouth Town Hall 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Bill Stiles, Mike Edes, George Turner, Bill Shane, Pam Ames, Jim Moulton, Rosemary Roy, and Penny Asherman (CCLT President)

I. Welcome

II. Approval of April 4, 2016 meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Turner, to accept the April 4, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Mr. Moulton abstained) MOTION PASSES

III. To hear a report from North Yarmouth re: Board of Selectmen comments of Management Plan

Town Manager Roy said that the Board of Selectmen met and reviewed the management plan. They had the following comments:

- Board of Selectmen Chair Alex Carr suggested reviewing the Management Plan every two years.
- Al Ahlers asked what the access is via North Yarmouth.
- Joel Fuller's woodlot is coded in white on the b&w map; it needs to be clearer to people that it's private property.
- Alan Stearns spoke at their Board of Selectman meeting and said that Royal River Conservation Trust has helped us through the purchase phase and with maps, signs, etc. However, the Joint Standing Committee will be the 'gatekeeper' from now on.

Town Manager Shane said that while the management plan is overseen by the Joint Standing Committee, there is an easement over the property. We have to be careful of people recommending changes and look at the easement document first. That is the document that we all have to adhere to first.

IV. Other Business

Penny Asherman presented the volunteer project list and projects were prioritized:

- 1) Replace bridge by the dam
- 2) Mark sensitive boundaries with private property
- 3) Identify trails with color markers/names
- 4) Reroute pond trail in NY to drier ground, keeping trail inside the woods

Motion by Ms. Ames, seconded by Mr. Edes, to approve the projects list.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

There was discussion about some tree cutting on the top of blueberry hill to enhance the view. Mr. Shane said that would be a good project for Public Works to do in the winter. There has always been a view shed there and it simply has to be maintained. Next meeting will be on September 12th on site to look at the area and approve the tree cutting.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Edes to adjourn.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TIME: 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Committee Secretary