**Newbury Conservation Commission Meeting**

**(Unofficial) Minutes 3/12/2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 in the Baldwin Library.

Attendees: Mike Thomas and Dianne Norton

Guests: Tom Kidder and John Nininger

**Tucker Mountain Update:** Tom & John had a ski visit with the Border Riders at their cookout on Tucker Mountain the prior Saturday. It was a good connection and Kurt will notify of their next meeting so someone from the Tucker Mountain Town Forest Committee can attend to further the relationship.

**Newbury Trails Symposium:** Mike presented his thoughts and ideas on organizing an event to see what recreational needs residents of Newbury would like to see developed in regards to trails. A discussion ensued and some of the items touched upon were:

* Potentially something as soon as April
* Advertising and ways to involve residents
* Possibly Tenney Library and refreshments
* Possible co-facilitators (Upper Valley Trails Alliance)
* Current & potential trails
* Inclusive for walkers, hikers, bikers, skiers, ATVs, equestrian riders, etc.
* Possibly an outcome could be a trails brochure

**Events:**  Upcoming events and dates were briefly noted.

**NCC Meetings:**  The Select Board expressed concern about our recent sporadic meeting schedule, which has mostly been due to snow and ice storms falling on our meeting dates.

* The idea of remote access to facilitate timely meetings was once again discussed. It was decided that Chelsea would be asked to look into possibilities to make this happen, because of her technical expertise. Perhaps a small grant could be obtained to fund any equipment expense, if necessary.
* A discussion ensued about recruiting additional members. We’d like to see more members to cover additional areas of the town.

**Remote Meeting Access:** Dianne will contact Monique to pursue ideas/solutions to address current needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted by:

Dianne Norton, NCC