

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – SEPT. 2, 2003**

Members present: Christopher Hunt, Kevin Fife, Cathy Thibeault, Diane Moreau
Members absent: Dave Krause, Rich Bellerose
Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Cathy Thibeault. Christopher Hunt moved, Kevin Fife seconded to accept the minutes of July 2, 2003. Motion passed.

Watershed to Wildlife: Cathy Thibeault reported on the three field days with WtoW covering most of the wetlands areas in town. Christopher Hunt moved, Diane Moreau seconded to pay the WtoW invoice for \$1,500.00. Motion passed.

Gallo: The Conservation Commission sent a letter advising the Gallos of the proper installation for a silt fence, etc. There has been no response from Mr. & Mrs. Gallo. Kevin Fife will visit the site.

Fauteux: A letter was sent to the new owner of these lots on Shaw Road requesting a wetlands application and the correct installation of the silt fence. Cathy Thibeault reported that the skidder ruts in the wetlands have now been filled with dirt and the silt fence is not installed properly. Since there has been no response and no wetlands application made, the Conservation Commission will file a complaint with DES with copies sent to the Road Agent, Code Enforcement Officer, Selectmen and Planning Board.

Labonte: The Commission reviewed a notice from DES stating the deficiencies have been corrected and the case is closed.

Spaulding: This meeting is to be scheduled at a later time.

Review of Cormier Site Plan Application: Cathy Thibeault will contact DES to question whether paving or gravel is best for protection of the aquifer surrounding this location. The Conservation Commission will make the following recommendations:

- The best surface to use for protection of the aquifer in reference to the parking lot
- To install a “filter” strip of vegetation between the parking lot and the wetlands
- That the project connect to the sewer line to protect the aquifer and the Town water supply.

Review of Guiheen Site Plan Application: The Commission is concerned about the impact on wetlands and the visual pollution from I93. The Conservation commission will make the following recommendations:

- To pave the entire area to be used for equipment and to install catch basins with mechanisms to absorb pollutants.

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- To leave or install a buffer of 100 feet from I93 to avoid visual pollution.

Wetlands Ordinance: Members were given wetlands ordinances from surrounding towns to read and will meet Sept 22, 2003 at 7:30 pm to develop a wetlands ordinance to recommend to the Planning Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary