

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

Members present: Kevin Fife, Christopher Hunt, Diane Moreau, Cathy Thibeault. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Diane Moreau to accept the minutes of Oct. 6, 2004 as read. Motion passed.

Cathy Thibeault reported that she, Diane Moreau, Ken Norton and Rick Silverburg walked the riverbank for the proposed Winnepesaukee River trail. There are conflicting responses from State agencies relative to the 50' setback requirement and whether it applies to trails or not. The Trail Committee will follow up on this issue. Cathy Thibeault informed the Trail Committee that the Conservation Commission will only approve clearing of the 12 feet required for the trail within the 30' right of way.

Diane Moreau and Cathy Thibeault reported that the Knowles Pond Committee had a trails cleanup day at the Pond area. The new bench has been placed on the ledges and 3 waterbars were constructed. There are some areas that need a crossing area with perhaps a small bridge which will require a Wetlands permit from DES. It was suggested that Bill Caveney could put log rounds in the waterbar areas to finish his Eagle Scout project.

Christopher Hunt visited with Mark Hayes at the Ski Area relative to replacing a culvert at the end of the pond. Mr. Hayes is going to wait at least until next year for this project and will not be impacting any wetlands at this time. He has installed hay bales around the two ponds for silt control.

Mail: DES/Premium Builders, DES received Con Comm's letter
Spaulding Purchase and Sale signed
Watershed Conference, Nov. 13
NH Con. Comm. Annual meeting Nov. 4

Budget: Motion made by Diane Moreau, seconded by Christopher Hunt to submit a budget of \$1500 for 2005 to include:

Training	\$200
Dues	250
Literature	50
Bingo	500
NRI	600

Motion passed.

NRI: A letter has been sent to the landowner requesting permission to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory on "Skenduggardy Meadow". UNH requires a letter stating the need for the NRI to be submitted before November 15, 2004.

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Wetlands Definition: The definition of Wetlands in Northfield's Wetland Ordinance matches DES' required wording. No change is required.

FAL, INC Excavation Application: The Commission members reviewed the application and map as submitted to the Planning Board at length. It was unclear how the buffer area adjacent to Route 140 would be graded and stabilized as it is quite steep. Motion made by Christopher Hunt, seconded by Kevin Fife to send a comment to the Planning Board requesting clarification of the buffer area and how it will be stabilized. Motion passed.

CIP: Cathy Thibeault will ask Joyce Fulweiler to determine just what should be included in the CIP.

Diane Moreau suggested that the Conservation Commission might want to get involved with the Town land on Sandogardy Pond. There is some cleanup needed at the outlet and there is potential for trails on the property.

Members reviewed the map of the Doubleday easement and discussed whether there should be more boundary markings. Signs noting the Easement area could be a project for a Boy Scout or students.

It was decided there is no need to request anything at the 2005 Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary