

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES – January 5, 2005**

Members present: Rich Bellerose, Cathy Thibeault and Kevin Fife. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary and Pam Hunt, NH Audubon Society.

Pam Hunt reviewed the process of having the Merrimack River floodplain be included in the Important Bird Area (IBA) program. The whole river has been included as it is an important travel and wintering area for many birds. The floodplain forests in Canterbury and Concord are important areas along the river for protection, food, etc. for birds. There is no regulation, the area is not “designated”, but it is recognized as an important bird area. This recognition does not have any bearing on development or uses of the land. It can, however, be valuable to use as a tool for conservation of land, for grant applications, etc. As a side note, Pam commented that she was able to identify 96 different varieties of dragon flies in Northfield this past summer.

Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to accept the minutes of November 30, 2004 as read. Motion passed.

There was no mail to review.

Town Report for 2004: Eliza will draft a report for the Town Report and email it to members for review, comment and changes. Members discussed how or whether to include the proposed purchase of the Spaulding parcel in this report. It will be mentioned, but not specifically. The report will include the purchase of the Doubleday easement, Old Home Day, Current Use penalties, etc.

Report of visit to Highlands: Kevin Fife, Rich Bellerose and Joyce Fulweiler met with Mark Hayes at the ski area to locate a parcel of land belonging to the Town. 2 boundary corner pins were found on the west side of the westernmost ski trail. The town and Winnisquam Regional Schools are both interested in obtaining an access to properties which lie in the middle of the old ski area properties. Mr. Hayes is interested in establishing his interest in using the property as well.

Other: Cathy Thibeault received a complaint from Mrs. Demetriou on Shaw road that her abutter, the Krupas, have logged and disturbed soil that is now causing runoff onto the Demetriou land enough to cover their silt fence. As no one was available to visit the property before snowfall, a letter will be sent to Mrs. Demetriou requesting a sketch of the runoff area on a map and photos if possible.

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Cathy Thibeault has reviewed printers available to print at least 11X17" maps from the NRI program. The least expensive one available is \$399.00. It was suggested that the Commission apply for a Moose Grant for this printer.

Cathy Thibeault suggested that the Commission develop a calendar of Northfield for raising funds and the level of pride in Northfield. Will do some more research on costs and companies available to print calendars.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary