

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
01-04-06

MINUTES

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

Diane Moreau moved, seconded by Christopher Hunt to accept the minutes of 12-7-05 as read. Motion passed.

Review Planning Board applications:

1. Prescott 2 lot subdivision:
 - The plan should state that the contour mapping has been taken from USGS.
 - Has the Franklin Highway Department been consulted to suggest corrective measures for the water/ice issues on the road at this location.
2. Sarber/LaRoche 3 lot subdivision:
 - A wetlands permit would be required to access the two newly created lots
 - Wildlife study – member discussed the need for a study on this particular property. The Conservation Commission may pursue conducting a wildlife corridor study for the whole town.
 - Suggest that vegetation along the brook not be removed.

Wetlands Permit applications:

- Town of Northfield – Oak Hill Road bridge. The plans were reviewed and a letter will be sent to DES with no objections, but want project to adhere to the erosion control guidelines.

Stewardship Plan: Members made minor corrections to the revised Stewardship Plan and Ordinance for the Dick Smart Conservation Area. Corrections will be made for the next meeting in preparation for a public hearing to accept the plan and ordinance. Rich Bellerose volunteered to be on the Stewardship Committee and will seek volunteers. Access and parking issues need to be resolved.

Belmont Conservation land proposal: Dave Krause noted that there are boundary line issues for this property. Members generally support the purchasing of the land to protect the municipal wells and aquifer, but question whether the town can purchase land outside its boundaries.

Wellhead Protection: Cathy Thibeault attended the joint meeting with Tilton and Belmont. All three towns have a wetlands ordinance and both Belmont and Northfield have a groundwater protection ordinance which probably protects the area sufficiently. Re-classifying the area to well head protection will require inspections of any business

within the district which creates additional workload for the towns. No decision has been made whether to pursue the re-classification.

Correspondence:

- Jamie Knowlton/DES: wetland issue has been corrected
- Upcoming events
- Dave Krause moved, seconded by Christopher Hunt to pay the 2006 dues for the NH Assoc. of Con. Comm. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary