

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 2, 2007
MINUTES

Members present: Cathy Thibeault, Rich Bellerose, Kevin Fife, Andy Mierins, Diane Moreau, Jared Teutsch. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Andy Mierins moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to accept the minutes of April 9, 2007. Motion passed.

Cathy Thibeault updated members on the trail work accomplished with the help of Trailwrights Hal and Peg Graham. Drainage work was done on the Hemlock trail.

Planning Board Applications: Members reviewed the plan for a 2 lot subdivision submitted by Coburn and Wilson. Comments to the Planning Board:

- As there are no topographical features shown on the plan, it is difficult to determine if the lots are suitable for building.
- A wetlands crossing permit will be required for Lot 14B and possibly for Lot 14A.

Smart Conservation Area: Eliza Conde will walk the easement area with Ron Dunlop and place marking tape to be sure Mr. Dunlop is satisfied with the agreement. A sign will be needed at the bottom of Cofran Avenue and at the parking area. Included in the sign with rules and regulations, will be wording for respect for private property and leashing dogs until on the town land. Diane Moreau will begin work on the wording of a sign. A clean up was scheduled for May 12 at 7:30 am with a possible continuance May 26th.

Other:

- Busses on Route 140: Over school vacation a large number of buses were parked at Tax Map R14 Lot 7-1. As the town had denied an application for a Ryder truck rental business within the aquifer, it seems appropriate to request that the buses not be parked there. Diane Moreau moved, seconded by Cathy Thibeault to send a letter to the school and the landowner requesting that the buses not be parked within the aquifer. Motion passed.
- Best Management Practices for aquifers for Belmont, Northfield and Tilton have been received.
- Skate Board Park: Cathy Thibeault contacted DES relative to locating the park near the river. DES considers this a primary structure which cannot be closer than 50 feet from the river while the parking area can be within 25 feet. The best location for the 60x80 foot park would be 30 feet from the river which would require a waiver from DES. The second option would require the park to be smaller and have the parking on the river side. The attraction of the preferred location is the visibility of the proposed park from the Tilton side. The second option would have less visibility and vehicles would be parked closer to the river.

Jared Teutsch commented that a request for a waiver should include the plans for improving the waterfront with plantings, etc. Jared moved, seconded by Diane Moreau to request a DES waiver of the 50 foot buffer requirement for the proposed skate board park. Motion passed. Cathy Thibeault will prepare the waiver application. Jared Teutsch suggested having the kids involved in the construction of the park to help give them ownership.

- Randolph Conservation Commission: Diane Moreau reported that someone would be willing to talk with Northfield and Canterbury, but they want to make sure that all the ducks are in a row.

Correspondence:

- **DES:** Wetlands violation at 12 Bay Hill Road
- **DES:** Notification of Inspection of Knowles Pond Dam

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary