

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 6, 2007**  
**MINUTES**

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

Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to accept the minutes of May 2, 2007 as read. Motion passed.

**Wetlands issues:**

- Premium: Cathy Thibeault reported that she had observed that Premium did not make any accommodation for natural runoff from the hill other than a berm. The septic system blew out during a rain storm and silt ended up in the wet area below the house because the silt fencing was inadequate. A complaint was sent to DES who responded with requests for immediate repair.
- Wisgal: Wetlands violations in the installation of a roadway and measures needed for restoration.
- Hannaford: Re-application for a Standard Dredge and Fill permit: Members reviewed the plan and comments made previously. It was observed that this lot is actually in the Conservation Zone and the setbacks noted on the plan are incorrect. A letter will be sent to DES and Dana Dickson with comments about the incorrect setbacks and the need for a Special Use Permit.
- Martin: A complaint was sent in relative to work being done on the river front. DES was scheduled to visit, but have not received any response.
- School Buses: A response from Thunderbird stating that the buses were brand new and were being stored on the property temporarily until they are registered. A letter will be sent thanking for the response, asking for a time frame for the buses to be stored there and explaining the need to be fair to all.
- Public Service: Request to meet with various boards about work on their power lines in the Oak Hill Area.
- Skate Board Park: Cathy Thibeault met with Lisa Swancott and Arlene Allen from DES to determine how to locate the park along the river. It was decided that applying for a waiver from DES to allow the park to be closer than 50 feet from the river would take too much time and complications. Locating the park where the current parking area is will eliminate the need for any waivers or DES permits. Parking and the river trail can be closer to the river without permits. There will need to be plantings along the river to stabilize the river bank. The increased vegetation will increase the stability of the bank. Rich Bellerose moved, seconded by Cathy Thibeault to accept the plan as presented by Cathy. Motion passed.

**Smart Conservation Area:**

Kevin Fife, Rich Bellerose and Jared Teutsch picked up garbage in the area, reporting that there wasn't as much as last year. The easement for the path on Ron Dunlop's land

is ready to be signed. Discussion followed about the need for signage to keep people off the Dunlop property. Diane Moreau moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to order 250 signs, yellow with green letters, saying "Private property, No public access." Motion passed. These signs can be used on other areas to help delineate either an easement or town owned property.

**ALV:** Members reviewed the plan for a 14 lot subdivision on Bean Hill, Keasor and Turnpike Roads. Much discussion took place relative to the potential donation of the 153 acre parcel including Wadleigh Meadow. Members were excited about the prospect of protecting and preserving this environmentally sensitive and important resource in town. This is the largest and most important wetland complex in town and this opportunity is one the Conservation Commission has hoped for for many years. Members like the idea of concentrating the lots in a smaller area, and while it is not using the Open Space Ordinance, it essentially accomplishes the same thing. The plan stays away from the steep slopes and wet areas and is far better than previously submitted plans. Members also felt that the Planning Board should lessen the requirement of substantial upgrading of Keasor Road since the planned new road will reduce the impact on Keasor Road. The opportunity to obtain Wadleigh Meadow is one not to be missed. Members will talk with Planning Board members about the need for some compromising on the Keasor Road issue. A letter will be sent to the Board urging it to work with the developers in order to bring about the donation of the 153 acres.

**Old Home Day:** Diane and Cathy will look into buying baseball caps for sale at Old Home Day. Cathy has someone who can do caricatures at the booth. Polly Fife will be selling Rhubarb Tea.

**Calendars:** Members discussed the possibility of creating a Northfield calendar for sale in November. More information will be gathered.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary.