

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 1, 2007
MINUTES

Members present: Jared Teutsch, Diane Moreau, Cathy Thibeault, Kevin Fife. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary and Bill Dawson.

Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Diane Moreau to accept the minutes of June 6, 2007 with a minor correction. Motion passed.

Invasive species: Bill Dawson informed the Commission that he is involved with IPANE (Invasive Plant Atlas of New England), an organization creating a database of invasive and potentially invasive plants in New England. Bill will be conducting site walks on the town and state owned properties in Northfield to identify and locate any invasive species. After such identification has been made, then the town can decide whether or not to take measures to mitigate the species. Of most concern at this time are Norway Maple, Japanese Bayberry and Burning Bush. It was decided that both the Knowles Pond Area and the Doubleday easement should be inventoried along with those on Bill's list.

UMRLAC Management Plan: Any comments or suggestions need to be submitted by August 18.

PSNH: Members reviewed the maps and plans for replacing and upgrading the power line through Northfield. As one pole will be removed from the wetlands, a wetlands permit will be needed, and the CC will be reviewing that application.

Smart Conservation Area: The trail has been cut along the I93 fence on Ron Dunlop's property up to the beginning of the town land. It was decided to use the location of the trail as designed by Kathi Fife. Trail work will be scheduled for September and October. Cathy Thibeault also asked for help on the Knowles Pond trails now that it is dry.

Planning Board Applications:

- Cormier excavation permit – members were informed there will be a site walk on this property August 4 at 9 am.
- Durand: Members reviewed the plan for a 2 lot subdivision. Items of concern were the unknown plans for the remaining land and that the proposed 50 foot access would not allow a road to be built within the 50' wetlands buffer. A letter will be sent to the Planning Board.

Calendar: It was decided to go ahead with plans for a fundraising calendar showing pictures of scenery and buildings of Northfield's rural character, (Northfield Land and Heritage). An article will be submitted to the Echo looking for seasonal photos with a deadline of September 15 and have them emailed to Cathy. For a little incentive for the

photos that are chosen, the photographer will be entered into a drawing for a “conservation gift package”.

Knowles Pond Dam repair: Members reviewed the DES application.

Hodgdon Road DES application: Members reviewed the plan. Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Jared Teutsch to have the Chairman sign the applications. So moved.

Jared Teutsch will provide signage for invasive species to be displayed at Knowles Pond.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary