

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2022**

Members Present: Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, Charles Page, and Anthony Pucci.

Members Absent: Heather Durgin, David Krause.

Alternate Members Present: None.

Others Present: None

Vice Chair Chaffee opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes –Page/Chaffee moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of the October 19, 2022, meeting. - Motion passed.

Meeting Schedule Discussion – Discussion ensued regarding the Commission meeting schedule and consideration of going to a quarterly meeting format. After some further discussion a motion was made and seconded, Pucci/Page, to establish a quarterly meeting schedule to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the 3rd month of each quarter (March, June, Sept, Dec). The motion passed unanimously.

“Conservation Corner” for the Northfield News – After discussion it was agreed to rerun the “Winter Visitors” article for the January edition.

Trail/Conservation Properties update – Trails are generally clean with a few trees down on Knowles and Sotir. Charlie and Tony will work to address these. Charlie noted that there is no winter maintenance on the parking lot on Rand Road and therefore walkers are parking on the side of the road to access the trails. It was agreed to ask DPW to consider plowing a bit wider in this area to allow cars to get off the road. Tony will communicate with Stephanie regarding this.

Other Business – The members discussed the potential of a property (R16-9) becoming available. The property is located at the Southwest end of Knowles Pond and abuts conservation property. The owner has deceased, and the heirs are attempting to research to see if there is any right of way to the property and consider their next steps. The Assistant Town Administrator has been in touch with the heirs and advised them of the Town’s potential interest in the property. After some discussion Chaffee/Page moved and seconded to recommend that the commission move quickly to explore any opportunity to acquire the property if it becomes available.

Adjournment – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Minutes approved March 15, 2023