

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 16, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2016. Motion passed.

Cross Mill Property

Ken Norton, representing the Gloria A. Clairmont Blais Trust, stated the deed has been signed over to the town. Mr. Norton suggested erecting a marker, preferably a boulder; the marker should read:

Roger & Gloria Blaise
Memorial Conservation Area
October 29, 2016

A series of events need to happen before the park can be opened; brush removal, determine size, stake out the area, and construct the driveway. Kevin is going to contact Jason Durgin regarding a gravel donation. Once the park is ready a formal ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned.

Conservation Easements

Kevin reported that landowner, Stromson Trading, LLC, donated a 375 acre parcel of land located off of the class six portion of Bean Hill Road to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest.

Sterling Blackey stated that he is looking into the possibility of donating 80 acres to the Five Rivers Conservation Trust. Kevin stated the Five Rivers charges a \$7,500 onetime fee to monitor the land for life; however, the land will also need to be surveyed and there is a possibility that it may also need an appraised prior to the Five Rivers involvement. The Conservation Commission will look into the possibility of assuming the responsibility of paying some of the fees associated with this.

Knowles Pond

The 'Parking' sign that was posted by the public, due to a wedding in the area, is still posted; it was decided by the Commission that the sign will stay posted unless the individual who posted it decides takes it down. The sign is in a good spot.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the Tom Wooten memorial bench; brush will need to be cut in the designated area.

Lastly, Sterling is going to take a trip around the trail and clean up any brush that may have been caused by the recent heavy winds.

Other

The balance of the Conservation Commission Trust account as of October 31, 2016 was \$36,937.22. A recent increase in funds is due in part to land use change tax.

The Commission was forwarded an email from Eliza Conde; the email was between the UNH Cooperative and the Tilton Conservation Commission. The email referenced the Cooperatives request for Tilton to participate in a town/community forest survey. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Northfield's participation in the future.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Giunta, Secretary

Minutes approved 12-21-2016