

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 24, 2016
MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Dave Krause

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Krause/Beadle moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2016. Motion passed.

Arch Park: Dave Krause reported that people are using the stone in the Arch Park parking lot for smoking breaks. The area is littered with cigarette butts. He asked if the town could keep a bucket with sand at the location as an ashtray. Glenn said he would pass the information on to the Selectmen.

Knowles Pond: Sterling Blackey reported that the rope swing has been taken down at Knowles Pond and that he had met a person on the trail who said that he was going to reinstall it. Commission members discussed the small rope swing that remains and concluded that this does not pose a problem. They also discussed people parking on Knowles Pond Road while swimming at the pond; agreeing that while swimming at the pond isn't a problem people should not be parking in the road. Sterling reported that he has lost several mailboxes to people who park in the road and then use his driveway for turning around

Cross Mill Road: Kevin Fife reported that he, Dave Krause, Eliza and Ken Norton attended the recent ZBA meeting concerning the subdivision of the Blais Property. The ZBA approved the variance required for the subdivision. Kevin reported that the Selectmen's public hearing for accepting this gift is scheduled for Tuesday August 30th at 6:00pm. Committee members indicated that they will attend the hearing. Dave Krause said that he can set the bounds for the new parcel after the hearing. Committee members discussed the number of spaces the lot could accommodate, noting that Jason Durgin has volunteered to help build the parking area.

Town Administrator Glenn Smith outlined a proposed Knowles Pond kiosk to memorialize Tom Wooten. Committee members reviewed the proposal and suggested that instead of a kiosk a bench be installed at the pond in Tom's memory. Kevin suggested that Glenn contact Swenson Granite. Glenn said he would follow up with the Selectmen and the Wooten family.

Krause/Blackey moved to approve payment of annual membership for the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee. **Motion passed.**

Committee members reviewed general correspondence.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes approved 09-21-2016