

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 21, 2016**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Charlie Page

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2016. Motion passed.

Cross Mill Road

Representation on behalf of the Gloria A. Clairmont Blais Trust attended the Planning Board Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 to provide Mylar maps of the donated property; the maps were signed by Jason Durgin. Kevin Fife stated that the paperwork is in process; once a timeline is established volunteers will be needed to clear brush from the area. Jason Durgin has volunteered to excavate.

Arch Park

It had been reported that people are using the stone in the Arch Park parking lot for smoking breaks. The Selectman decided that it's not a good idea to install an ashtray; people would not use it and/or the ashtray would be vandalized/stolen. Research will be done on whether or not smoking is permitted on town property, dependent on that research, it was suggested that a 'No Smoking' sign be placed at the site. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Tom Wooten Memorial

The Selectman approved a granite bench in memory of Thomas Wooten be placed at Knowles Pond. The bench will be constructed by *Swenson Granite*; the design is still in the works. Kevin Fife provided a *Swenson Granite* booklet for reference. The Memorial will be placed in the general vicinity of the dock; it was suggested that the bench be placed to left of the dock, facing the water. It was noted that when the pond water is high the area tends to become wet; also, there will be a need for brush to be cleared from the area shoreline.

Wadleigh Auto Repair

James Wadleigh submitted an application for a variance from relief of restrictions set on an October 28, 2008 variance to allow for 3 additional parking spaces at 28 Sargent St. This application will go in front of the ZBA on Monday, September 26, 2016. It was suggested that the Conservation Commission be notified of this application due to the fact that this property is located in a ground water protection area. Discussion ensued regarding the effect, if any, that the additional parking would have on the ground water protection area.

It was decided by the Commission that, providing Mr. Wadleigh meets all State regulations, there is no issue with his request. The application, as well as photographs of the property were provided to the members as reference.

### Other

Kevin Fife stated that Selectman Crowley approached him regarding an opportunity for the Commission to take on an 80 acre parcel of town owned land on Oak Hill Road. It's an attractive parcel with a bit of river access, however there is no road access and the parcel has been cut heavily. The abutters have no interest in purchasing the parcel. The Commission decided to pass on the parcel at this time with the potential of revisiting this offer in the future.

Christina Beadle stated that there has been some recent campfires on the trails around Knowles Pond; she recommended that the area be monitored due to the dry conditions creating a fire hazard. It was asked whether or not there was a 'No Campfires' sign in the kiosk, if not, a sign should be posted.

Dudley Dean, is going to be cutting trees on his property which abuts the Sotir Conservation Area. Currently the Soter boundaries are marked with blue tape; it was recommended that this be confirmed with Dave Krause and, also, that the Soter boundary markings are verified.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Giunta, Secretary

*Minutes approved 10-19-2016*