

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 23, 2016
MINUTES

Members present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey and Charlie Page.

Minutes: Sterling Blackey moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016 as read. Motion passed.

Trail signs: New signs have been installed at Knowles Pond. It was agreed to purchase 3 more “to parking” signs to be placed within the trail system and 2 “Conservation area parking” signs for the end of Rand Road.

Knowles Pond Dock: As agreed, Charlie Page had investigated the needs of the dock on Knowles Pond and presented a plan and estimate of cost of repairs. After discussion it was agreed that since the dock was used when it was first installed nearly 20 years ago it makes sense to replace it with a new dock rather than spend nearly as much time and cost to repair the old one. Charlie is willing to do the construction but asked for help in removing the old dock and placing the new one in when completed. Sterling Blackey moved, seconded by Charlie Page to expend up to \$350.00 from the Knowles Pond Conservation Fund to replace the existing dock with a new one of the same size. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Groundwater Management Permit – Northfield
- Merrimack County Conservation District plant sale flier
- Environmental News

Other: While discussing the purchase of 4 portable lifts for the town garage at the Town Meeting it was mentioned that one of goals was to be able to oil the trucks in the parking area of the garage. Discussion about the regulations relative to oiling vehicles led to concerns that the town would be doing this on the aquifer. The Secretary will research the NHDES regulations relative to oiling vehicles as it is believed the vehicles have to be inside with appropriate protections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 05-18-2016