

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 26, 2015
MINUTES

Members present: Sterling Blackey, Dave Krause and Kevin Fife.

Minutes: Dave Krause moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to accept the minutes of May 20, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

Master Plan re protection of open land: Members reviewed the chapter of Master Plan “Preservation of Open Space” which indicates support for increased land conservation efforts. As the Land Use Change tax has not produced much revenue for conservation purposes in recent years it was suggested that perhaps the town should discuss starting a conservation fund at the next Town Meeting. For instance, if the Corliss Farm applies for grants for a conservation easement, the support of the town is important in finding matching funds. The secretary will work on a letter to the Selectmen asking for their support.

Update on maps, etc. for trails: Sterling and Kevin installed the kiosk at the Sotir Conservation Area. Maps and information are needed. Dave and Sterling will work on mapping the trails with GPS and putting that information on maps.

The trails are generally in good condition and no trail maintenance day was scheduled.

Other: Dave Krause mentioned that there is a tree fallen into the river on the Northfield side east of the Cannon Bridge. Members discussed whether it should be removed and decided to leave it be.

The landowner on Oak Hill Road is not receptive to having a right of way to town land across his property as it would impact the value of future development. Access from Fiddler’s Choice is difficult due to a large ravine and long distance.

Correspondence:

- Upper Merrimack River Advisory Committee – invoice for \$150. There was no action taken on this invoice as it was unclear whether the Commission has paid this in the past or if it is the Selectmen’s responsibility.
- FEMA – risk mapping assessment
- NHACC - \$333 for 2015 dues – no action taken
- T-N Aqueduct – reclassifying to GAA groundwater. The Selectmen have sent a letter of support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary
Minutes approved September 18, 2015