

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 11, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Mark Chaffee, Heather Durgin

**Other Present:** Steven Partridge, Corey Partridge, Stephanie Giovannucci, Charlene Stryker

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Committee recognized Steven Partridge. Partridge addressed the Committee stating he obtained a variance last fall to begin the campground project. He will begin the process of meeting with engineers this Tuesday. Partridge will be present tomorrow for voting to gain support in favor of the zoning amendments. He will be asking for a permit to house 400 campsites including, seasonal campers, weekend and tent sites (some including full hook ups). Seasonal campers will remain on site year round, but the official close for camping will be on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Partridge believes this is a better use of the land bringing in agricultural and recreation use into the area.

Fife asked if river swimming will be allowed. Partridge replied he would like to incorporate swimming and kayaking, but he will have to go before the state to obtain permits for that as the river is state mandated.

Fife asked if there were any other questions concerning the campground update.

The Committee recognized Stephanie Giovannucci. Giovannucci addressed the board regarding questions they had on the Knowles Pond fund and the PSNH land R04-1. Discussion ensued, and all questions were answered.

1. **Minutes: Beadle/Blackey** moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019 with the changes as amended. **Motion Passed.**
2. **Conservation Corner:** April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Skydancer (Woodcock article). April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> How Can You Help the Bees (Bee Pollination).
3. **Trail Update:** Blackey stated there is a large tree across Double Day and the trail is getting overgrown and almost impossible to follow. Blackey suggested a reconditioning of the Kiosk at Knowles Pond. Fife inquired what the set-back was for Knowles Pond. Giovannucci stated that the set-backs are not recorded in the deed.
4. **Richard P. Smart Conservation Area Stewardship Program:** Discussion ensued and the following wording to be changed to be consistent with the Sotir Conservation Area Stewardship Management Plan :
  - a. Under Permitted Uses: Wording on line 1 should read: The Richard P. Smart Conservation Area is open for low impact public recreation and nature observation from dawn to *dusk*.
  - b. Under Non-Permitted Uses: Wording on second line should read: No littering, vandalism, fires, *fireworks*, camping, *alcohol consumption* or structures of and kind will be permitted.

- c. Under Non-Permitted Uses: Wording on line 3 should read: No tree cutting or removal of vegetation without prior approval of the ***Board of Selectman. Notification shall be provided to the Conservation Committee.***
  - d. Under Stewardship: The sentence should begin with: ***The Conservation Committee and eliminate the wording: A Stewardship Management.***
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- 1. Wording changes on: An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Richard P. Smart Conservation Area and Access to Said Area From Town Property and Highways:
    - a. # 1: Alcohol should be added to this line to read: ***Littering, vandalism, the kindling of fires, fireworks, camping, alcohol consumption or the erection of structures of any kind.***
    - b. #2: Notification to the Conservation Committee should be added to this line to read: ***Tree cutting or removal of vegetation without prior approval of the Board of Selectmen. Notification shall be provided to the Conservation Committee.***
    - c. #3: ***Use of motorcycles “dirt bikes”, trucks, automobiles or snowmobiles.***
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- 5. **Other Business:** Beadle updated the committee on the Survey on the Town’s website discussing what residents would like to see in the future of Northfield.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:28PM

**Approved, April 8, 2019**