

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Mark Chaffee,
Heather Durgin, David Kraus, Charlie Page

Other Present: Charlene Stryker

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

1. **Minutes: Beadle/Blackey** moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019 as amended.
Motion Passed.
2. **Conservation Corner:** May 3rd and 10th Keeping NH Black Flies at Bay. May 17th and 24th
Mud Season in NH
3. **Trail Update:** Blackey stated there is a large tree across the Double Day trail that needs to
be cut and removed. Beadle and Blackey will meet there on Thursday to clean it up. Beadle
inquired of the board if they would like to leave the Granite Mills shed up or tear it down?
Discussion ensued. Conservation Commission to meet at Granite Mill site to look it over
and then make a decision. Continued.
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, put into an ordinance and presented to the Selectboard for
approval.
 - 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 *Conservation Commission* and the Board of
Selectmen.
 - d. Under Stewardship: The sentence should begin with: *The Conservation Commission*
and eliminate the wording: *A Stewardship Management*.

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 Commission.*
- c. #3: *Use of motorcycles "dirt bikes", trucks, automobiles or snowmobiles.*

5. **Other Business:** Beadle reviewed the Vlap Report results with the committee. Beadle stated she will attend training on May 18th to be certified in water testing. Beadle continued by stating DES is cutting funding for testing on some lakes in ponds in NH. She will keep the committee updated if Sandogardy Pond is cut from the list.

Beadle presented a poster of an event from the past: “Knowles Pond Discovery Day”. Beadle asked the committee if they would like to do an event like this again. Discussion ensued. Continued.

Krause suggested monitoring reports on easements. No decision at this time.

The committee nominated and voted on Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

Krause/Beadle moved to nominate Kevin Fife as Chairman **Motion Passed.**

Krause/Blackey moved to nominate Christina Beadle as Vice Chair. **Motion Passed.**

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:07PM

Minutes approved on May 13, 2019