

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2021**

Members Present: Charlie Page, Heather Durgin, David Krause, Mark Chaffee, Sterling Blackey
Others Present: Aimee Dearborn, Randall Shuey, Carl Bartlett

Mrs. Durgin being appointed as a full member by the Board of Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

- A majority of the Conservation Commission was in attendance at the Site Walk scheduled by the Planning Board Monday, **April 12th at 6:00PM**. A Special Use Permit within the Wetlands Buffer Zone has been presented to the Planning Board for the proposed cell tower located at Park Street, which per article 17.6 of the Zoning Ordinance requests input from the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Shuey describes his findings for the Wetland Buffer at Park Street. The area looked like a land fill had been there at one point in time maybe when the highway was being constructed. He explains it's a nice Wetland area with run off from Williams Brook discharging to the Winnepesaukee River. Article 17.6 Special Use Permit is reviewed by the board as Mr. Shuey continues to explain the site of the tower having concrete pads, gravel, equipment shed, and a chain linked fence around the tower. He states there is low excavation and disturbance to the site. Board reviews the Special Use Permits criteria The Wetland Area will not be disturbed for water quality or vegetation, pollution, loose gravel, no heavy traffic and a sandy run off. He used Granit View website (granitview.unh.edu) for data layers, floodplains and orthophotography. This site does not contribute and is not listed as having any wildlife habitat with the highway being the dead end. Mr. Page asks if there will be any erosion to the banking. Mr. Shuey suggests a Compost Sock that is custom made to protect the banking from any erosion.

Open for board discussion at 7:32pm.

Krause/Page moves to request a Compost Sock be added to protect erosion of the banking. – **Motion Passed**

- **Minutes**

Krause/Page moved to approve the minutes of March 08, 2021 as amended- **Motion Passed**

- **"Conservation Corner"**

Commission agreed Mrs. Durgin will provide a newsletter for May on fishing.

- **Trail / Conservation Properties update:**

Mr. Chaffee walked Knowles Trail, the bridge there needs to be repaired. Mrs. Durgin states she may know some people that will donate lumber, the Commission agrees it will need between \$250.00 and \$350.00 from their budget. Ms. Dearborn will supply the Commission with their budget next meeting. Mr. Page states Soiter Trails are clean but at the dock there is a post that is broken and cannot be adjusted any longer. Commission discusses taking silt fence down but the sumac is aggressive right now they will wait till fall to revisit cleaning that out.

Blackey/Page motion to buy a post and replace it. **Motion Passed**

- **Review of Ordinances and Stewardships:**

Board has reviewed and made suggested changes to the current Ordinances & Stewardships, Ms. Dearborn will update the documents for next meeting to review and approve.

- **Other Business:**

The new trail signs will be placed at Rand Road and Boat Ramp saving the third sign for a backup. Commission states the town will put the signs up.

Commission discussed the empty full member seat, Mrs. Durgin will be Chair and Mr. Chaffee will be Vice Chair.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED ON MAY 10, 2021