

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2020**

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Christina Beadle, Charlie Page, David Krause
Other Present: Stephanie Giovannucci
Present by Zoom: Mark Chaffee

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

- **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Krause/Page moved to make Christina Beadle Chairman and Kevin Fife Vice Chairman. **Motion Passed**

- **Minutes**

Beadle/Fife moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 as corrected. **Motion Passed.**

- **Pond Testing**

Knowles Pond: Ms. Beadle explained that due to COVID-19 labs are being limited to testing. Eastern Analytical will take the testing at \$28 each sample. She added that she can get the samples and drop them off at the lab. Commission agreed to continue sampling to have historic data from June through September.

Mr. Chaffee noted that the loons are back.

Sandogardy Pond: Ms. Beadle informed the Commission that John from UNH will accept samples from the inlet and outlet of the pond a total of 4 samples. We will need to get our own bottles \$429.89 for the bottles they have been using and \$376 for glass bottles which are a little bit more difficult to use as the opening is different.

Commission asked that the bottles be cleaned so that they can be reused. Mr. Page offered milk crates to collect the bottles in. Ms. Beadle stated that the lab opens back up in June and she'll keep tabs on it in case it changes.

Page/Krause moved to purchase the testing bottles at \$429. **Motion Passed.**

Ms. Beadle added that there is an article from UNH that the bacteria in the water can be hazard to humans and would like to get the information over to the Selectboard to see about closing the beach. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that is the info is sent to her she will inform the Selectboard.

Commission agreed to continue researching septic systems around the pond due to prior testing research.

Ms. Beadle asked the Commission if they were interested in her expanding her research by attending a Bio Chemistry Class.

Fife/Page moved to approve the cost of the Bio Chemistry Class funded out of the Conservation Fund. **Motion Passed.**

- **Conservation Corner**

The Commission discussed the protection of the bee's article and possible expansion of yard care.

Ms. Beadle will work on an article in regards to Japanese Knotweed.

- **Trail Update:**

Commission discussed the conditions of the trails at Knowles Pond, stating that they've been very wet, and added that the bridge has not been started yet.

Mr. Page noted that at the swimming rock he picked up a lot of glass and twisted tea bottles.

Mrs. Giovannucci asked that they update the kiosk map at Sotir as it is very blurry and they are getting calls at Town Hall requesting better maps.

Commission noted that the rocks at Sotir have been moved and asked Mrs. Giovannucci to find out if it was the town that moved them. They added that where the rocks are there is no place to park a vehicle.

Ms. Beadle noted that at their upcoming meetings they need to review the Use Ordinances for the Conservation properties.

Mrs. Giovannucci informed the Commission that some of the rocks have been spray painted with graphite.

Mr. Fife noted that there have been a lot of hikers out even by his house most of them with their dogs.

- **Other Business**

Ms. Beadle informed the Commission that she did not renew her seat on the Planning Board.

Mr. Fife stated that he has heard there that been a lot of bear sightings, and he has seen a lot of hawks visiting.

Ms. Beadle noted that there is a bald eagle in the Shaker Rd area which is not good news for the loon chicks.

Mr. Chaffee stated he has seen some kayakers on Knowles Pond fishing and boating.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes approved June 8, 2020