

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MAY 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Mark Chaffee,  
David Krause, Charlie Page

**Other Present:** Charlene Stryker

The Conservation Commission met at the Granite Mill Shed to review repairs and/or removal.

- a. The shed is in fair condition. It needs a new roof, trim on the back side and repair of soffit.
- b. Estimated cost between \$4,000 and \$8,000. Who would be responsible for repairs? The town, the Conservation Commission or split between both?
- c. The idea of donations or leasing it for use by the Kayakers was presented.

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. **Minutes:** Beadle/Blackey moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019 as amended.  
**Motion Passed.**
2. **Conservation Corner:** June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – Tick Season is Upon Us. June 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Re-discover the Winnepesaukee Trail.
3. **Trail Update:** Beadle stated there were fresh dirt bike tracks in the Spaulding Trails. Hopefully one time use. It was also reported there were fresh campfire ashes at Knowles Pond. Beadle made sure Chief Raffaely was aware. Chaffee suggested updating regulation sign to state, “no fires or motorized vehicles” and also updating the trail map(s). Beadle has been in contact with UNH regarding maps and Blackey is working with the bike company to update maps. Page stated the Beavers are presently gone at Sotir. Beadle inquired if Sandogardy would be receiving new sand? Stryker checked with Giovannucci on this matter and the answer is no.
4. **Granite Mills Conservation Area Stewardship Program:** Discussion ensued and the following wording to be changed to be consistent with the Sotir Conservation Area and Richard P. Smart Conservation 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 Granite Mills 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 Granite Mills 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 motorized wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited.*

5. **Other Business:** Beadle conducted a brief review of 2018 water testing.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

**Minutes approved on June 10, 2019**