

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 10, 2019
MINUTES**

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

Other Present: Tracey Hutton Town Administrator, Robert Southworth,
Charlene Stryker

Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator was introduced to the Conservation Commission by Stephanie Giovannucci.

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Minutes: Beadle/Blackey** moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2019 as amended.
Motion Passed.
2. **Conservation Corner:** July 5th and 12th – Natures Fireworks. June 19th and 26th – Give ‘em a Break.
3. Federal Grant presented by Hutton: Hutton reviewed the grant process and explained that grants are usually due in the spring; therefore, going forward, think about projects for next year and we can begin the grant process at the end of January to ensure any grants are turned in by the due date. Hutton explained that grants are available and are a great source for helping to attain Conservation goals. Discussion ensued regarding the Eversource property (7-acres at a \$127,000 market value). At this time, the Conservation Commission do not have the funds to attain this. Hutton stated she would look into what an appraisal would cost for this land.
4. **Trail Update:** The Commission addressed Robert Southworth, resident. Southworth stated there has been a lot of ATV and dirt bike activity on the Sotir trails coming off of Rand Road and Bean Hill. Southworth stated he has contacts at a concrete company and could obtain a good deal on 4 ton concrete blocks to put at entrances to block ATV and dirt bike activity. Discussion ensued on the best options for gating or blocking these areas. The solution of concrete blocks with chains across would work the best for all entities. Chaffee also stated that signage needs to be replaced and posted at Sotir and Knowles Pond. The following actions will be taken and presented at the next meeting on July 22, 2019:
 - a. Pricing on concrete blocks – Southworth
 - b. Talk to Fire Department on block spacing for emergency access – Stryker
 - c. Talk to Police Department on block spacing for emergency access – Stryker
 - d. Talk to Snowmobile Club on spacing for trail grooming – Fife
 - e. Meet with Andy to discuss block pick up and distribution – Stryker
 - f. Quote on signage wanted for posting (4-signs / 2-Sotir & 2-Knowles) - Stryker
5. **Granite Mills / Knowles Pond / Sotir / Richard P. Smart Conservation Area Stewardship Program Wording:** Discussion ensued regarding changed wording. The Conservation Commission decided to bring before the Selectboard taking out the language on the Knowles Pond and Granite Mills Ordinances that state: Use of wheeled vehicles

(except in designated areas). This wording would affect Knowles Pond and Granite Mills. Hutton find out from the Selectboard when next public hearing would be and report that information back to the Conservation Commission. **Beadle/Page** motioned to change the wording as presented. **Motion Passed.**

6. Other Business:

- a Beadle conducted a brief review of 2019 water testing.
Fife presented a Sponsorship for a Northfield 9-year old girl to attend Conservation Camp this summer. The sponsorship would cost \$165.00. Approved.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:36PM

Minutes Approved July 8, 2019