

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2021**

Members Present: Chair Heather Durgin, Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, Charlie Page, David Krause

Others Present: Stephanie Giovannucci

Having a quorum, Chair Durgin opened the meeting at 7:11pm

- **Minutes**

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 as amended- **Motion Passed**

- **“Conservation Corner”**

Commission agreed to run an article pertaining to camp fires and fireworks.

Mr. Chaffee informed the Commission that Jan from Tilton will be putting some fishing line disposal units together and will connect with him once they are complete.

- **Trail / Conservation Properties update:**

Mrs. Durgin stated that she cleaned up the Blais lot and filled about a ½ bag of trash of bottles, wrappers, etc., in addition the No Overnight Parking sign is down. Mrs. Durgin added that she also visited Glines Park and there was some trash left along the beach and playground area. Commission discussed trash receptacles, and the new town trash policy.

Mr. Page stated that he spotted beavers on the south side of the Sotir property.

Commission discussed the removal of the shed at Granite Mills Park and possibly utilizing the slap to erect a pergola. Mrs. Giovannucci mentioned that the Board of Selectmen had been talking about removing the shed as it seems to be a hazard.

Mrs. Durgin added that it may be a possibility in getting a local boy scout troop to take it on as a project and also walk the trails and pick up trash.

Commission discussed trail mapping for Knowles Pond. Mrs. Giovannucci informed them that Foothills is working on trail and mapping. She added that they are mapping and grading the trails as hiking, bike riding, cross country skiing, etc.

Mr. Chaffee confirmed with Mr. Page that they have only seen one loon at Knowles Pond, the Commission discussed the birth cycle, and stated that they have not seen a pair yet.

Commission discussed the geese that have been nesting off of exit 19 in the wetland area.

Commission reviewed and approved the new sign for Sotir Conservation Area, Mr. Page will hang them up. In addition, they discussed hanging up the Knowles Pond signs one on the kiosk on Rand Rd and the other by the doc. Mrs. Giovannucci will see if the Public Works Department can squeeze it in and get them hung up.

- **Review of Ordinances and Stewardships:**

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Granite Mills Ordinance as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Granite Mills Stewardship Plan as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Knowles Pond Ordinance as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Knowles Pond Stewardship Plan as amended. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Richard P Smart Ordinance as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Richard P Smart Stewardship Plan as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Sotir Ordinance as presented. Motion Passed.

Page/Chaffee moved to approve the Sotir Stewardship Plan as presented. Motion Passed.

- **Other Business:**

Commission discussed the budget, pond testing costs, and will work on fixing the trails at Knowles Pond.

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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON JULY 19, 2021