

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 12, 2019
MINUTES**

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

Other Present: Dr. Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

1. **Site Meeting – Knowles Pond:** The Commission discussed with an NEDC Representative the projects that could be completed at Knowles Pond Conservation Area. These projects include; re-painting/staining the kiosks, removing the leaning Birch tree over the parking area, and cleaning up the invasive shrubbery in areas along the parking area.
2. **Conservation Corner:** The Commission discussed recycling the articles from last September and possibly adding a blurb about hunting and water body respect. **Beadle** will send Dr. Hutton the articles from last year.
3. **Minutes: Blackey/Beadle** moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019 as written. **Motion Passed.**
4. **Knowles Pond:** The Commission discussed parking at Knowles Pond along the road near the dock. **Blackey** suggested that there be signs on the opposite side of the road in 1000 feet from each side of the access point. **Blackey/Beadle** made a motion to recommend the Selectmen install such signs at intervals recommended by the Road Agent and Police Chief to be paid for by the Conservation Commission. **Motion Passed.**

The wording of the prohibition sign was discussed. It was agreed that this issue would be revisited in February/March for amendment to the regulations so all of the Conservation Area regulations and signs are consistent. This will be recommended to the Selectmen in April of 2020.

The milfoil signs given to the Commission should be installed at the Boat Launch, Knowles Pond, Sandogardy Pond, Granite Mills, and Cross Mill. **Dr. Hutton** will pass this along to the DPW Director.

The Chairman was contacted by NH DES about bathing in Knowles Pond. DES recommended that the Conservation Commission speak with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator about this issue. Dr. Hutton recommended signage that informs the public of the harms of soaps in the water.

5. **Trail Update:** The barriers on the Sotir property are 8 feet apart. Iron bolts will have to be inserted if the Commission wants to chain the passage.

Beadle and **Fife** took water samples at Sandogardy. The chemicals are yet to come in at UNH, results will take about a week.

6. **Other Business:** Dr. Hutton updated the Board on the hydrant that will now not be installed on Rand Road.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes approved on September 16, 2019