

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

**Members Present:** Kevin Fife, Christina Beadle, Charlie Page, Mark Chaffee, David Kraus, Sterling Blackey, Heather Durgin  
**Other Present:** Stephanie Giovannucci, Aimee Dearborn

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

- **Pond Testing**

Ms. Beadle informed the Commission that she should have the last testing report tomorrow for Knowles Pond.

Mr. Krause presented a map highlighting the septic's that are at high risk lots due to no information being on file, or being very old. Commission discussed ways to move forward and look into cleaning them up and discussed fashioning a letter to all the owners with requests to have the plan submitted to Town Hall if available and with information for grants to have the systems replaced.

- **Conservation Corner**

Commission agreed to run Hunting Safety for October, and would like to run an article about the Loon's in November.

- **Trail Update:**

Mr. Page stated that someone built a fire pit at Knowles Pond during Labor Day weekend just above the swimming rock. He added that the fire seemed to be lit on Thursday and was left smoldering until he found it on Friday. Mr. Page informed the Commission that he posted a sign at the boat launch and swimming rock stating fires are prohibited on this property.

Mr. Page noted that he walked the trails today and found another location where a large structure like tipi with a fire ring in the center was built. Mr. Chaffee stated that he plans on visiting the site and dismantling it. Mr. Page will post additional signs in the area warning of fines.

Mr. Fife stated that the Cross Mill Rd parking area had some trash, and added that with some help he'd be willing to take down the silt fencing.

Mr. Page added that there is a tree down on Rock Top by the rope swing at Knowles Pond. Mr. Blackey stated he would take care of it.

- **Signage**

Mr. Chaffee and Mr. Page informed the Commission that they attended the Selectboard meeting for changes to the Ordinances and the changes passed 2-1 after a brief discussion.

- **Other Business**

Mr. Chaffee noted that the chick loon is still in the nest and that the male loon has died at Silver Lake possibly of lead poisoning, LPC is doing a tox report to find out for sure. He added that he's hopeful the female will return with a new male, but it may take a couple years.

- **Minutes**

**Krause/Blackey** moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020 as amended. **Motion Passed.**

**Krause/Blackey** moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020 as amended. **Motion Passed.**

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

**Minutes approved October 20, 2020**