

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020**

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

Having a quorum established Christina Beadle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- **Minutes**

Fife/Page moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 as amended. **Motion Passed.**

- **Pond Testing**

Sandogardy Pond: Commission reviewed the draft letter to Sandogardy Pond property owners in reference to their septic. Ms. Beadle suggested reaching out to Meredith to see who they utilized for the grants during their project. She added that the NHDES grant currently will not work for them because there's no watershed management plan. The Commission agreed that utilizing the Knowles Pond Water Shed Management Plan to create one for Sandogardy would be ideal to move forward.

Knowles Pond: Ms. Beadle supplied the final testing results for 2020 and noted that the levels are lower than last year which the E.coli was 93.2 and this year it's at 13.2 at the beach.

- **Conservation Corner**

Ms. Beadle supplied an article about White Mountain Flitillary, the Commission reviewed it and agreed to run the article for November.

Mr. Chaffee reviewed the email he sent on Oct 12th regarding the Loon occurrence on 9/26. He stated that a chick loon at three months old is usually ready to fly to the ocean, but due to the loss of the male it compromised the life of the chick. Ms. Beadle and Mr. Chaffee agreed to work together to write up an article about the loons for the news.

Mr. Chaffee informed the Commission that the male loon was tested and did not die of lead poisoning, it seems to be due to the entanglement with the line and the wounds he sustained became infected. Mr. Chaffee added that the chick was also entangled with a line and hooks that where caught in the wings and beak. The chick did parish.

Mr. Chaffee informed the Commission about Monofilament Recycle Bins, he stated that he's reached out to Tilton Conservation, LPC, Winnisquam Water Network, Silver Lake Conservation and all agree it's a good idea to get these bins out there. Mr. Chaffee stated that he is willing to build a demo and put it at Knowles Pond to see how well it's received. Commission reviewed other locations that would be good to put these bins, which included Cross Mill, Granite Park, Sandogardy Pond, and the Boat Ramp by Rt. 140.

Mr. Chaffee added that there is also a buyback program still available that maybe they can also get the word out about, Mr. Fife agreed to reach out to some of the tackle shops to post information about protecting loons.

Commission agreed to move forward with the Monofilament program. Mr. Chaffee will reach out to Jan from Tilton Conservation and ask her to attend the next meeting.

- **Trail Update:**

Mr. Blackey stated that the trails are cleaned up and marked clearly at Knowles Pond. Mr. Chaffee stated that he has not had a chance to get out to Knowles Pond and remove the tipi, but will do that soon.

Mr. Page stated that he has not seen any more fires and that he has leveled the dock.

Mr. Page informed the Commission that he has seen a FedEx truck parked at the parking lot on Rand Rd over the past month, and that on Saturday night about 5:15 pm the truck was there with a pickup truck. When the pickup truck left it continued down Knowles Pond Rd at a very fast speed that Mr. Page could not catch up. He feels this is very suspicious and is going to contact the Police Department. Mr. Page also noted that they have seen a gray van with NY plates driving up and down Bean Hill Rd multiple times within the hour, and will inform the Police Dept as well.

- **Signage**

Mr. Chaffee received the sign language for the dog law and feels he will need to make the sign larger to include this information. Commission agreed to make it larger, and continue with getting pricing.

- **Other Business**

Mrs. Durgin stated that she has noticed a lot of trash at the Cross Mill Rd property. Mr. Blackey stated that he has not seen much trash on Sotir. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that the Town has been dealing with a lot of trash at all of the parks, sometimes having to visit them more than once a week.

Mrs. Giovannucci informed the Commission that the Town had to do some work at the dam which included cleaning up brush, and ditch lines.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

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