

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, Charles Page, and Anthony Pucci.

**Members Absent:** Heather Durgin, David Krause.

**Alternate Members Present:** None.

**Others Present:** None

Vice Chair Chaffee opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Minutes** –Chaffee/Page moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of the August 17, 2022, meeting. - Motion passed.

**“Conservation Corner” for the Northfield News** – After discussion it was agreed to work up a few more articles and get one off to Stephanie for November dealing with hiking safely or Bear safety tips.

**Trail/Conservation Properties update** – Trails are generally clean with a few trees down on Knowles and Sotir. Charlie and Tony will address these before winter.

**Other Business** – Charlie discussed the Rocky Top trail at Knowles Pond and its constant switchback and looping. He noted that it is well marked and can be followed but wondered if another trail could be added that goes around the circumference of that area.

Members discussed the recent water test results from Knowles Pond noting no red flags. Mark shared information from the Loon Preservation Commission, indicating stable water levels. Tony shared a response from Stephanie regarding our question of making Knowles Pond for residents only. She suggested that this would not be very likely as it is not done for Glines Park, and the enforcement would be problematic. She suggested researching other towns that restrict access to residents only and try to formulate a plan for consideration. Mark reported that in discussing the September meeting with Stephanie where a quorum was not present, she suggested considering quarterly meetings. The members discussed the Sandogardy Pond water testing, and it was agreed to request of Stephanie any results. Charlie discussed a “be friendly to Knowles Pond” signage theme to consider next year.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

**Minutes Approved December 21, 2022**