

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 18, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Kevin Fife, Christina Beadle, Sterling Blackey, Mark Chaffee, Charlie Page, David Krause;

**Other Present:** Heidi Cole, Administrative Assistant

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

1. **Minutes: Blackey/Chaffee** moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2019 as amended **Motion Passed.**
2. **Conservation Corner:** The Commission reviewed articles “The Christmas Giving Tree” and “Our Gift to You” and agreed to post “Our Gifts” for the first two Fridays of December and then the “Giving Tree” for the last two Monday’s of December. The Commission discussed posting about ice skating, snowmobiling, and fat tire biking for the January article.
3. **Trail Update:** Mr. Page stated he has been to Knowles pond walking the trails and picking up trash, there is a down tree on the snowmobiling trail, but no danger to the public at this time.

Ms. Beadle stated that she reached out to Sara Steiner at NHDES. Ms. Steiner stated she noticed the jump in E.coli at the Knowles Pond beach and recommended that Ms. Beadle contacts a VLAP volunteer to collect a beach sample.

Mr. Page stated that the increased amount of traffic from the Bike Park may be the reason for E.coli, because they are bathing in the pond and soap has a negative impact on water quality.

Ms. Beadle stated that she can see about putting up no bathing signs and getting with the Selectboard about getting a dog waste station then track the readings from there.

4. **Other Business:** Ms. Beadle presented the commission with two wetland applications. One for a culvert replacement for the B & M Railroad. The other was from Eversource to replace five existing structures. The Commission discussed the two applications and did not see any issues with them.

Mr. Blackey asked if there was any more information about the no parking sign being put up at Knowles Pond, and why the Selectboard did not want to do it if the current situation was not working. Ms. Cole stated that the Commission needs to attend a Selectboard meeting and address it with them.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

**Minutes approved on 12/09/2019.**