

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 08, 2021

Members Present: Chair Heather Durgin, Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, Charlie Page
Others Present: Aimee Dearborn, Carl Bartlett

Chair Durgin opened the meeting at 7:04pm

- **Minutes**

Page/Chaffee moved to accept the minutes of October 18, 2021 – Motion Passed

- **Old Business:**

Mr. Chaffee would like an update on what is happening on Sandogardy Pond Road with the flooding. Ms. Dearborn informs the board that there is a huge beaver mound where 8 beavers have been trapped so far. All the beavers need to be extracted from the mound then the Department of Highway can destroy the mound which will reduce the level of water that has been rising with all the rain. Mr. Chaffee shares some research he has done and forwarded to the town as an alternative to handle the beavers other than killing them. I have attached the information that Mr. Chaffee provided for the record.

- **Conservation Corner:**

Chair Durgin will write an ice safety article and submit for December's newsletter.

- **Trail / Conservation Properties update:**

Mr. Page states the trails have been staying clean. He also went to the swimming rock and picked up one can. Also, the tee pee structure is still on the ground with no effort to rebuild. Nobody has reconstructed a fire ring where there was evidence of use in the past. Chair Durgin went to Glines Park, the River Trail and Smart. Glines Park was the most problematic finding several cans and beer bottles all through the trail. Also remanence of someone camping out finding comforters and blankets there. Chair Durgin also mentioned the sand pit off of Sandogardy Road which has multiple empty bullet shells all over that area.

- **Other Business:**

The board asked Mr. Page about Tony Pucci and if he is going to put in a request to the Board of Selectmen to be a member of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Page states he has not hear nor spoke to Mr. Pucci about it.

- **Loon Update:**

There was a siting of 3 loons, the pond is too small for 3 but Mr. Chaffee did say he saw a pair which is good news.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

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