

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2022**

Members Present: Chair Heather Durgin, Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, and Charles Page

Members Absent: David Krause and Sterling Blackey, therefore a quorum of members was present.

Alternate Members Present: Anthony Pucci who will vote due to the absence of members Krause and Blackey.

Others Present: None

Chair Durgin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and introductions were made.

Minutes –Chaffee/Durgin moved and seconded to accept the minutes of February 14, 2022 – Motion Passed

“Conservation Corner” for the Northfield News – The board discussed possible topics for the next article which is due by March 28th. Chair Durgin will refresh and update an article relating to Earth Day.

Trail/Conservation Properties update – It was reported that the Knowles and Sotir trails are active, including snow machine use as well as evidence of 4Wheeler usage. Mr. Page reported he has a sign that he will get laminated and installed for further awareness of this prohibited use. It was noted that Glines Park and the Blais Parking Lot were not listed on the agenda.

Other Business – Mr. Page reported a recent conversation with Sterling Blackey who noted difficulty in attending meetings though he wishes to stay involved. They discussed the option of requesting that he be named as an alternate member as opposed to a regular member. After discussion, it was agreed that he should be advised to send a letter or email to the Assistant Town Manager asking to consider this change in member status.

Members discussed the expiring terms of members Durgin and Blackey and it was reported that generally Town officials will contact members whose term is expiring and determine their interest in continuing to serve. It was agreed that Mr. Page would let Mr. Blackey know to expect a call.

Chair Durgin advised the members that she sent an annual report to the Administrative Assistant which was not shared with the Assistant Town Manager in time for publication in the Town annual report. Therefore, the Assistant Town Manager developed a report for publication.

The members discussed the Knowles Pond Trust Fund established in 2000. The purpose indicates it is for maintenance. The question arose as to whether funds could be used for annual water testing.

Next meeting is Monday April 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment – There being no further business Chaffee/Page moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. – Motion passed

Minutes approved April 11, 2022