

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2022**

Members Present: Chair Heather Durgin, Vice Chair Mark Chaffee, David Krause, and Anthony Pucci.

Members Absent: Charles Page.

Alternate Members Present: None.

Others Present: Steven Partridge, Corey Partridge, Mary Lee

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

Minutes –The draft minutes of the April 11, 2022 minutes were reviewed. After discussion regarding the wording of the motion suggesting that the Planning Board approve the Spaulding special use permit, the wording was amended. A motion was made and seconded Krause/Chaffee to accept the amended minutes of April 11, 2022 – Motion Passed

Winni River Campground– Wetlands Buffer Review – Steven and Corey Partridge reviewed a wetlands buffer application relating to their proposed campground. They propose to add approximately 10 feet to each side of an existing culvert to accommodate the raising of the road and a safer slope of the culvert headers. After some further discussion, a motion was made by David Krause: “The Conservation Commission recommends that the Planning Board approve the special use permit to impact 325 square feet of wetlands and disturbance of 14,186 square feet of wetlands buffer.” The motion was seconded by Tony Pucci and passed unanimously.

General discussion between Commission members and Steven and Corey Partridge regarding the Foothills Committee’s efforts to increase hiking and biking trails and kayaking access and the difficulty of the permitting process. After which Steven and Corey Partridge left the meeting.

Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee – Chair Durgin requested to adjust the agenda and hear from Mary Lee who is the Northfield representative to UMLAC. Ms. Lee is soliciting for additional members to UMLAC and to invite the Commission members to a meeting on May 16th at 7:00 in Concord at 14 Canterbury Road. She shared the purpose of UMLAC as protecting water quality and they review applications and activities related to the watershed area of the upper Merrimack River. After some further general discussion Ms. Lee left the meeting.

Clean Up Days – Vice Chair Chaffee discussed the Smart Trail and Granite Street sites that he assisted with and noted that a small pile of lumber was found in the area of Devil’s Den. The committee expressed appreciation to Jason Durgin for his efforts in the final disposal of all trash collected during this trail clean up initiative.

“Conservation Corner” for the Northfield News – After discussion it was agreed to rerun an article from last year, “Great Outdoors”. Chair Durgin agreed to review and update if necessary.

Trail/Conservation Properties update – General discussion ensued and it was reported that a single loon has been sighted at Knowles Pond and beaver are active on the border of the Sotir property.

Other Business –

Vice Chair reviewed his discussions with NH Fish and Game regarding their beaver control efforts and was directed to a website that might provide information on potential vendors capable of installing the beaver control devices.

Chair Durgin discussed meeting dates and times and after discussion a motion was made and seconded Krause/Pucci to change to the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in July, barring any conflict with the Town. – Motion passed.

Next meeting is Monday June 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment – There being no further business Krause/Chaffee moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. – Motion passed

Minutes Approved June 13, 2022