

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2022**

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

Members Absent: None.

Alternate Members Present: None.

Others Present: None

Chair Durgin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes –The draft minutes of the May 9, 2022, minutes were reviewed. After discussion and correcting of typographical edits a motion was made and seconded Krause/Durgin to accept the amended minutes of May 9, 2022 – Motion Passed

“Conservation Corner” for the Northfield News – After discussion it was agreed to rerun an article from last year, “Fireflies in July”.

Trail/Conservation Properties update – It was noted that a tree ladder was discovered at the far end of Knowles Pond along the Rocky Top trail. After discussion it was agreed to remove the ladder if possible. Charlie reported that he installed a sign at the entrance to the Sotir property at the beaver pond bridge alerting people as to the rules of the property usage. There has been some motorcycle and four-wheeler access on this trail. David mentioned that Fish and Game might provide decals restricting powered wheeled vehicles. Charles noted that the dock at Knowles Pond needs some maintenance, and he would deal with it. Mark will check with the Tilton Conservation Commission regarding fishing line recycle boxes for Knowles Pond. The members discussed the trash can at the Knowles Pond parking area specifically if/how it was being emptied. Charlie and Tony will monitor this. Charlie revisited the issue of water testing and offered to reach out to the State DES Rep Sara Steiner to get this scheduled and completed. Heather reported on an email received noting that there is no signage warning about invasive species at the Rte. 140 boat ramp. She will look into obtaining a sign.

Other Business –

Chair Durgin reported that the Northfield Rep to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee will not stand for reappointment and that committee needs a Northfield resident to join. Discussion ensued regarding parking at Knowles Pond. Charlie and Mark offered suggestions which include relocating the existing signs and requesting new signage. Dave made a motion to request additional signs from the Town. Mark seconded the motion and discussion ensued relating to the previously made suggestions of relocating existing signage and/or requesting specific signage. Dave agreed to draft an email to the Town requesting more signage. The members discussed the issue of bathing at Knowles Pond. Discussion ensued around reaching out to the owner of Highland Mountain bike park to discuss this further. Mark reported that he has not found any evidence of nesting Loons on Knowles Pond but noted that there have been multiple sightings of a loon pair.

Adjournment – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes approved July 20, 2022