

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2021**

Members Present: Chair Heather Durgin, Charlie Page, David Krause
Others Present: Aimee Dearborn

Chair Durgin opened the meeting at 7:02pm

- **Minutes**

Krause/Page moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 as amended- **Motion Passed**

- **“Conservation Corner”**

Commission agreed to run an article pertaining to Dragonflies and a “Clean Up Day” on September 25, 2021 around 9:00 a.m. Stay tuned the board agrees to review this next month for more details. Mrs. Durgin added that she could contact a local Boy Scout troop to take it on as a project to walk the trails and pick up trash. Mr. Page states splitting up would be a good idea. He will walk Knowles and Sotir trail and Mrs. Durgin will walk Sandogardy trail.

- **Trail / Conservation Properties update:**

Mr. Page said he posted the regulations sign at Sotir property, the kiosk on Rand Road is moldy and would like to put holes on the back for ventilation to prevent further mold. Mr. Page adds he has not replaced the broken post at the dock yet. He states he was told there was still one female loon on the pond. Karen has been snorkeling around observing the bottom as being clean. Mr. Page mentioned he is concerned the bikers from the Bike Park are cleaning themselves off in the pond and is concerned about them using soap.

Mr. Page spoke with Howey Lewis who is the nursery specialist for NH Division of Forests and Lands. Mr. Lewis asked why the Conservation Commission rejected the idea of stocking the pond with trout a few years back. Mr. Howey has offered to come to a meeting to discuss how attractive the pond would be for stocking, the board agrees to have Mr. Lewis come before the Commission. Mrs. Durgin asks if there are any other trail updates which Mr. Krause indicated with all the rain it hasn't been ideal to walk the trails.

- **Other Business:**

Commission discussed the next steps for Sandogardy Pond testing. The board was provided with information from Steve Landry, NH Dept. of Environmental Services water division about meeting and discussing the presence of Chlorophyll-a and cyanobacteria at Sandogardy Pond, but Mrs. Durgin states he will need to come to the September meeting. Ms. Dearborn states she will contact Mr. Landry as see if he can attend the September meeting. The board talks of how they did the sampling last year it was noted that Christina Beadle (former Chair) did the testing via kayak and had some “training” on how to take the samples, there was mention of a Biologist that needs to attend the first part of sampling. Mr. Krause feel it's important to test every year and understands from Mrs. Beadle that Mr. Chaffee was taking on the pond testing tasks. Mr. Krause asks the board if they want to discuss the Pines, they ask Ms. Dearborn if she knows what is going on. Ms. Dearborn explains she is not involved with that subject and suggests to attend the Tuesday Board of Selectman meeting. The board discusses there is a rumor about the town cutting all the trees down at Pines Park. Mr. Krause believes the Conservation Commission should be involved in this decision. He spoke with states forester and if the town request him he will come and give an evaluation at no cost.

Ms. Dearborn explains the outcome from the mailing that was done to residents around Sandogardy Pond Road, there were at least 5 residents that responded. Board agrees to not send a second letter to the Sandogardy Pond residence until they meet with Mr. Landry to get his input.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON OCTOBER 18, 2021