

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 19, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

Members present: Patty Howe, Dave Krause and Rich Bellerose.

**Minutes:** Dave Krause moved, seconded by Patty Howe to accept the minutes of December 22, 2010 as read. Motion passed.

**WRTA update:** Ken Norton gave a brief overview of the history of the Winnepesaukee River Trail and its funding. Due to increased costs and the requirement to install a chain link fence along the railroad track, the section of the trail from Surette Battery to Route 140 was broken into two sections. The next phase is the pedestrian bridge and connection to the completed trail by Maher's in Tilton. There are three options being considered for the location of the bridge: A. parallel to the existing railroad bridge, B. from the Northfield end of the railroad bridge to "Ernie's" in Tilton and C. using the old abutments of the dam from the Town owned land in Northfield to the Tilton side. The bridge is a simple "erector set" one with no footings required in the river. The cost of engineering and construction will be in the footings on shore.

Although funding has not yet come through from the State DOT, Ken expects the WRTA will be seeking bids for engineering this spring with construction to begin in 2012. He noted that the WRTA still has to raise \$50,000 matching funds for the project.

Rich Bellerose thanked Ken for the update and commented that this project is good for the community.

**PB and ZBA applications:** No new applications to review

**Correspondence:**

- Dredge & Fill permit application – Murdoch. The application was reviewed – there were no comments to send to DES
- Northern Pass information
- NHACC: Patty Howe moved, seconded by Dave Krause to pay \$250 for 2011 dues to NHACC. Motion passed.
- Utility maintenance notification - PSNH
- Roy King: Via email from Dana Dickson, the Conservation Commission was asked if it is interested in purchasing Mr. King's property on Bean Hill. Members reviewed the tax maps and discussed whether this property would be of importance to the town. A letter will be sent to Mr. King indicating that the limited financial resources of the

Conservation Commission dictates they do not purchase his property. The abutters name and address will be included for Mr. King's information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary