

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 21, 2010
MINUTES

Members present: Rich Bellerose, Patty Howe, Cathy Thibeault and Dave Krause. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Minutes: Cathy Thibeault moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to accept the minutes of March 24, 2010 as read. Motion passed.

Special Use Permit: After stepping down from the board, Dave Krause presented a plan for Doug Read showing a driveway to be constructed within the 50 foot wetlands buffer. The state has approved the driveway location which is the best access to the property and will not disturb any stone walls. The driveway will be constructed to move away from the wetlands buffer as soon as feasible. Members reviewed the plans and had no concerns. Cathy Thibeault moved, seconded by Patty Howe to state that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the plans for Doug Read's Special Use Permit and have no issues or concerns. Motion passed.

PB & ZBA applications:

Members reviewed the following applications:

1. Doug Read 2 lot subdivision: no comment
2. William Ware 3 lot subdivision design review: no comment
3. David Elliott 2 lot subdivision: no comment

Potential Donation: The Commission has been informed that an individual intends to include the town in his will for the purpose of land acquisition. The intention of the individual is to further protect Knowles Pond. Cathy Thibeault moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to send letters to Mrs. Wilhelmsen and the Knowles/Warner family relative to possible conservation easements on the shoreline. Motion passed.

Trail Clean up:

- Rich and Cathy began a clean up at Knowles Pond. Further work needs to be done.
- Rich cleaned up trash and cut brush on the Dick Smart Conservation trail
- Patty picks up trash on Granite Street regularly. She informed members that there is lots of trash on the railroad tracks, under the bridge and along the edges of the Wyman Gordon parking lot. It was agreed that the Commission members can pick up trash on the railroad tracks but will send a letter to Wyman Gordon asking if they would clean up along the river on their land.

Granite Street: Rich Bellerose will get prices on fencing which should be installed first to control vehicular parking. It was agreed that the sides of the garage should be completely removed, leaving an open pavilion type structure for shelter.

Other: Cathy Thibeault had reviewed the wetlands mitigation funding program and indicated that the projects it funds would impact agriculture. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary