

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 19, 2018  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Kevin Fife, Charlie Page, Christina Beadle, Mark Chaffee, Heather Durgin

**Other Present:** Stephanie Giovannucci

Having a quorum established Kevin Fife called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Minutes:** Page/Beadle moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2018 with the omission of the second verbiage of the Update on R04-1 Owned by PSNH. **Motion Passed.**
2. **Conservation Corner:** Members reviewed the January proposed article for the “Conservation Corner” article, approving the article as written. Ideas were discussed and decided on the February “Conservation Corner” article to include Ice Fishing Safety and Use of Town Trails for Snowmobiling, Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing.
3. **Trail Update:** Beadle reported that the trails are covered with ice, but have found no fallen branches or trees. Beadle still has not heard from UNH about trail mapping.
4. **2019 Budget Update:**  
Fife and Beadle reported that they attended the Selectboard Meeting on Tuesday and the Selectboard has granted the budget of \$1200.00 and increase of \$700.00 from last year, which will be used to continue on the water testing at Knowles pond and DNA testing at Sandogardy.
5. **R04-1 Update (owned by PSNH):**  
The Committee discussed the interest in this property with hopes that PSNH will work with the town on a discounted or donated price.  
Giovannucci will look into finding out more information on this property, pricing and who the contact person would be.
6. **Other Business:**  
**Monthly Review:** Beadle stated at the next meeting they will need to review the Smart Conservation Area ordinance and stewardship.  
  
**Sotir Ordinance:** Beadle stated that the changes to Sotir Ordinance was discussed at the Selectboard meeting and will now need to be finalized at a Public Hearing through the Selectboard.  
  
**Blais Property and Conservation Area:** Giovannucci stated this property is in the process of being bought by a couple who want to keep the property in agricultural use, maintain a small farm like atmosphere. Fife asked if the new owners were aware of the Conservation area. Giovannucci answered yes, the new owners are aware and are very much into keeping

it as natural as possible with walking trails, kayaking and are excited about a possible campground.

**Knowles Pond Fund:** Beadle asked Giovannucci to look into the Knowles Pond fund which she believes was granted \$50,000, her understanding, is that the Conservation Committee cannot touch the original \$50,000, but are allowed to use the interest off that amount. Giovannucci will look into those accounts.

**Public Hearing:** Giovannucci announced there will be a Public Hearing on January 7, 2019 regarding the Riverfront Recreational Zone. This was originally part of the Master Plan.

**Conservation Committee – day change.** Fife asked if the Committee would be opposed to changing the day of their meetings. Changing from a Wednesday to a Monday or Tuesday each month. Giovannucci will review the calendar, check with the Grange and Historical Society to find the most non-conflicting day for the Committee to meet on.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

*Minutes approved January 23, 2019*