

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

Present: Sterling Blackey, Kevin Fife, Christina Beadle, Charlie Page.
Also Present: Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Blackey/Page moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2018. **Motion passed.**

Conservation Corner: Members reviewed proposed articles for the weekly “Conservation Corner” article, approving the articles as written, with the bird count article to run on December 7 and 14 and the Gifts article to run on December 21 and 28.

Kevin Fife noted that he had seen Mrs. Blais at the recent ZBA meeting at which the proposed campground project was discussed. Christina Beadle informed the Commission that Mrs. Blais expressed concern about the noise and litter that would be produced by the campground.

Trail Update: Charlie Page reported that the Sotir trails are clear. Christina Beadle reported that she has yet to hear from UNH about trail mapping.

Sotir Conservation Area Stewardship/Management Plan & Ordinance: Committee members reviewed changes to the stewardship management plan and ordinance previously discussed. **Beadle/Blackey** moved to accept the *Sotir Conservation Area Stewardship/Management Plan* and the *Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Sotir Conservation Area and Access to the Sotir Conservation Area from the Town Property and Highways* as presented. **Motion passed.**

Charlie Page noted that there is no signage at the entrance to the Sotir Conservation Area listing the new regulations. Committee members agreed that the rules should be posted.

Budget: Committee members agreed to ask for \$1,200 in the 2019 operating budget to cover the cost of water testing at Sandogardy Pond and Knowles Pond.

Rail Trail: Glenn reviewed the Selectmen’s vote to endorse the study of the economic viability of discontinuing the railroad tracks from the Northfield/Tilton line to Weir’s Beach to accommodate the completion of the regional rail/trail network, noting that the endorsement of the study is not to be interpreted as an endorsement of track removal. Commission members concurred.

Update on R04-1 Owned by PSNH: Glenn presented information concerning this parcel. Commission members expressed interest in purchasing this parcel.

Proposed zoning changes along the Winnepesaukee River: Christina Beadle reviewed the proposal currently before the Planning Board.

Other Business: Commission members reviewed communications from DES and a request for information from the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes approved December 19, 2018