

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 20, 2017
MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Christina Beadle, David Krause
Resident Ashley Warner

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Beadle moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2017. **Motion passed.**

Cross Mill Road – Selectmen approved to pay for fifty percent of the cost to construct a 50 ft x 70 ft. parking lot. Ken Partridge Construction presented written proposal on Saturday, December 9, 2017, to Kevin Fife, for \$9,200. Construction began on Tuesday, December 19 and will be completed December 21, 2017. A “No Overnight Parking” sign to be erected, Kevin Fife to check with the Highway Department to see if they have one available. Kevin Fife to check with Ken Norton in regards to a dedication plaque for Roger and Gloria Blais for their donation of the land.

David Krause Motioned to pay for one half of the cost for the parking lot from the Conservation Fund, seconded by Christina Beadle, Motion Passed.

House Bill 1343 – Protection of Beavers and Beaver Dams – David Krause – doesn’t know enough about bill to make an opinion. Kevin Fife – I support it but wonder if Fish and Game support it. Christina Beadle to contact Fish and Game to see what their opinion is on the House Bill.

Conservation Corner – Christina Beadle presented an article called “Caught Lead Handed”, article approved by committee, article to run for a month. Articles to appear each month in the newsletter. David Krause Motion to have “Conservation Corner” added to the Northfield Newsletter. Seconded by Kevin Fife. Motion Passed.

Town Forest- Trail begins at entrance across Union Road (Class VI Road) , travels to the pit and then over to the tracks. Christina Beadle brought up the issue of Sandogardy Pond’s yearly issues with contamination of bacteria. Possibility of leaching of septic systems into the pond. Christina Beadle to look into funding to help with contamination issues. The Town of Northfield conducts testing during the summer months.

Other Business

Spaulding Update – Spaulding has a choice of whether to continue. Have not heard from Spaulding in a couple of months and are coming very close to not meeting the deadline to presenting their proposal to the Planning Board and being on the March 2018 ballot.

Highland Mountain Bike Park – Kevin Fife to check to see if the ride in possibly January or February for Fat Tire Bikes will be held this year.

Knowles Pond Trails – Trail cleanup of Knowles Pond Trails after storm in December.

Appointment of Vice Chair – Christina Beadle continued discussion on appointing Vice Chairman of the Conservation Committee. David Krause nominated Christina Beadle as Vice Chairman, seconded by Kevin Fife. Passed. Christina Beadle is Vice Chairman.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes approved on January 24, 2018.