

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 19 2017
MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Christina Beadle, Dave Krause

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Blackey/Beadle moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2017. **Motion passed.**

Cross Mill Road- The Board briefly discussed a proposal from the City of Franklin called “Mill City Park” with resident Ken Norton. The Commission has asked for copies of this proposal so they can read it. **Krause/Blackey** moved to continue on with building the parking lot at the bottom of Cross Mill Road. **Motion Passed.**

Knowles Pond Conservation Area: Chief Raffaely, Director of Public Works Andy Buteau, and Selectman Bob Southworth addressed the Commission with concerns about Knowles Pond. Selectman Southworth explained that parking on the road has become a safety concern because citizens are parking on the Knowles Pond Road and emergency vehicles would not be able to pass through. Chief Raffaely spoke about the number of calls that he receives on that road due to the parking. Selectman Southworth asked the Commission if they would be fine with having boulders placed on the side of the road to help deter residents from parking along the side of the road. The Commission was in agreement and did not have an issue with the idea of using boulders. They also discussed with Selectman Southworth and Chief Raffaely residents camping in the Conservation Area which is not allowed and stated in the RSA. Selectman Southworth asked if the Commission would be fine with putting up signs that said no camping on town property. They did not have an issue with adding signs, Kevin Fife just asked to include adding no fires to the sign. The Commission just asked for an update from Selectman Southworth about the boulders and the signs for next meeting if Andy has enough time to place them.

Trail Update- Kevin Fife said that sign holders for the Knowles Pond Trail maps have been damaged and that the larger trail map is fading. **Sterling/Krause** moved to spend \$50 on replacing the sign holders in the kiosks. Kevin Fife is having Secretary Mackenzie Lonergan look for the disc that has the original trail map on it so the Board can update the large trail map.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes Approved on August 23, 2017