

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 21, 2018
MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Fife Chairman, Christina Beadle Vice-Chair, David Krause, Sterling Blackey

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

Meeting Minutes were reviewed, changes to the Soiter property to be changed to Sotir. Christine Beadle to be changed to Christina Beadle.

David Krause moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2018, seconded by Christina Beadle. **Motion passed.**

Short Discussion of the Annual Report for the Conservation Commission, report already went to print.

Cross Mill – Blais Park – Kevin would like to recognize Dillon for donating his time and cutting down a large pine tree. Dillon saved the Town of Northfield a lot of money by volunteering his time and services. Kevin spoke with Andy Buteau of the Northfield Highway Department and Wayne Crowley of the Planning Board to discuss a “No Overnight Parking Sign”. They were all in agreement that a sign would be appropriate. The sign will be erected at the entrance to Blais Park on the right hand side.

Conservation Corner – We reviewed the articles that have been proposed by Christina Beadle for Conservation Corner. The article for the Duck Boxes will be called **Duck.....Duck.....Box**. Member of the community who are interested in placing a Duck Box on their property can call the Town Hall at (603) 286-7039 and leave their name and phone number. A member of the Conservation Committee will call them back and provide information regarding the Duck Boxes. **This article will be published in the Northfield News on March 2nd and March 9th.**

We also reviewed the article on Maple Sugaring. For tapping trees, for one tap, at chest level the tree should be at least 12 inches circumference. To place two taps, the tree should be at least twenty-four inch circumference. To place three taps, the tree should be at least thirty-six inch circumference. Changes were made to provide additional information for the members of the community to help them with tapping their trees, as well as Maple Sugar Houses in the area to visit on Maple Weekend which is scheduled for March 24th and 25th, 2018. **This article will be published in the Northfield News on March 16th and March 23rd. Note: It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.**

Future articles to include:

Peepers – The Sound in the Night

Tick Safety – ticks are out....protect yourself and your pets

Kevin noted that Spring Clean-up will begin mid to late April to the beginning of May.

North Park – Route 140 Northfield, NH – The parking lot and building will encroach the wetlands buffer. We reviewed the plans and the Application for Variance to see the encroachment of the buffer. Kip Cormier and Regina Nadeau will be coming before the Zoning Board on February 26, 2018 at 7 pm to discuss the Wetlands Buffer and the Application for Variance on said property. Kevin asked that the Zoning Board keep the Conservation Commission updated on the project at North Park.

Sandogardy Pond – Water Testing – Laureen Mastine and Glenn Smith have a conference call with Amanda McQuaid of the Department of Environmental Services on February 22, 2018, to discuss the testing of Sandogardy Pond.

Park Committee – It was brought up at the last meeting by Glenn Smith that several people are interested in the Park Committee. A selectman, a member of the Conservation Committee should be on the Parks Committee. It will allow us to present ideas and to stay informed as to what is going on with the parks. Forming a Parks Committee will be discussed at Town Meeting.

Bill Murphy's Property – off of Bean Hill Road, 6 acre parcel, that has a possible Deeded Right Of Way. Kevin Fife spoke to Eliza Conde about allowing access to the Murphy property via a trail through her property. Eliza said she would have to think on it, anyway and he would still have to go through Five Rivers. Kevin said he didn't think that would work. David Krause will send Kevin Fife an updated map regarding Murphy Property and Sotir Property.

David Krause did get the trails mapped out. David did not do Rock Top or Stone Wall but did do all the other trails. David will try to get something together for the next meeting.

Sterling Blackey mentioned Knowles Pond and the property surrounding the pond. The piece of property located at Map Lot R16-9 is of interest to the Conservation Commission. The property is deeded to have 10 acres. The 10 acres was deeded prior to the building of the dam. Now there is only 6 acres above water. Richard Bellerose made an offer a few years ago and the owners of the property did not respond. The property has no road frontage but plenty of pond frontage. There is a marked Right of Way on the map. The Conservation Committee will ask them if they would be interested in donating their land or sell their land to the Conservation Commission.

David Krause mentioned **Saving Special Places**, it is New Hampshire's Annual Land Conservation Conference, that will be held at the Prospect Mountain High School in Alton, NH. The conference is scheduled for April 7, 2018 beginning at 8 am. To register, click this link:

<https://savingspecialplaces.org>

David Krause made a motion to end meeting, seconded by Christina Beadle. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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