

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 29, 2014
MINUTES

Members present: Rich Bellerose, Sterling Blackey, Kevin Fife, Dave Krause and Patti Howe.

TNATT Snowmobile Club: Steve Sawicki and Geoff Ziminsky were present to discuss the Sotir trail and the need for a bridge next to the beaver dam. The snowmobile club would like to install a wooden 6' x 18' bridge that would sit on the bank and be about 2 feet above the water. There would be no digging and no equipment in the water. The club would also like to install standard snowmobile signs on the trail. Dave Krause moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to allow the TNATT Snowmobile Club to install a bridge and signs on the Sotir Trail. Motion passed.

Minutes: Dave Krause moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to accept the minutes of December 17, 2013 as read. Motion passed.

4-H camp: Although it was agreed that the Barry Conservation 4-H Camp is a valuable experience for kids, the Commission does not have the funds available in the budget to sponsor a Campership this year.

Knowles Pond beavers: Jon Stankatis is willing to trap beavers in the spring. Dave Krause will contact Ashley Warner to see if she has been successful in finding a trapper on her property and if so, perhaps that person would trap on the town property also.

Sotir trails: A letter was received from Catherine Sotir expressing thanks to the Commission for naming the Sotir Conservation Area and the trails for her family. Based on her suggestion, Sterling Blackey moved, seconded by Patti Howe to name the two additional trails "Kryka" and "Rose" and to purchase 4 signs for these trails. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- UMLAC – "Bug Nights"
- UMLAC – Invoice – It was agreed not to pay this annual membership due to lack of funds.
- Merrimack County Conservation News
- NHANRS – Dave Krause will pay the \$20 membership for the Commission.

Other:

- Howard Lewis has been contacted relative to an easement on his property and given information.
- Sterling Blackey asked if there is any interest in purchasing an easement on the Corliss Farm. General consensus was that there is definitely interest, but raising money for the purchase would be difficult. Conservation funds could be used to help with costs of appraisals and surveying, etc.
- Sterling Blackey informed members that a new tree stand was installed right on the Rocky Top Trail after hunting season was over. The stand is nailed to the tree which is

not allowed without landowner's permission. Rich Bellerose and Sterling will remove the tree stand.

- February's meeting will be held February 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 02-26-2014