

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 30, 2014
MINUTES

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

Minutes: Dave Krause moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to approve the minutes of February 26, 2014 as read. Motion passed.

Trail Report: Sterling Blackey reported that the Knowles Pond trails are in good shape with the exception of the logging operation by the beavers on the Rocky Top trail. A new connector trail has been made from Knowles trail to the Sotir property. The trails are finished and signs are up on the Sotir property. Sterling Blackey plans to make small kiosks for Knowles and Sotir and make repairs to the large one on Rand Road. Will ask the Highway Department to place rocks near the entrance to Sotir, allowing room for a vehicle to turn around, but not to drive on the trail.

Glines property: Members will meet with the County Forester on March 9, 2014 at 4 pm to walk the woodlot to determine management needed.

Other:

- The beaver overflow pipe needs to be repaired or replaced at the Knowles Dam
- The brush needs to be cut on the water side of the dam.
- The beavers are destroying many trees on the Knowles Conservation Area property. Will pursue availability of trappers.
- The shed at Granite Mills was discussed. It probably should be torn down and replaced with a gazebo. No decision made at this time.
- Will ask the Highway Department to place rocks at the opening of the concrete wall to discourage cars from driving to the river.

Correspondence:

1. Northern Pass Site evaluation meeting May 4
2. DES – culvert replacements on Rte 132.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 05-21-2014