

## NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 18, 2016

### MINUTES

**Members present:** Kevin Fife, Sterling Blackey, Charlie Page and Dave Krause. Also present: Christina Beadle and Ken Norton.

**Knowles Pond:** Christina Beadle wanted to make the Commission aware that she found a wounded Blanding turtle that had been left for dead at Knowles Pond. She delivered the turtle to a veterinarian. She also reported that there are fresh water jelly fish in the pond which is a rare species. Christina also noted that there are several camp fire locations throughout the woodlot. Members suggested putting a sign in the parking lot relative to protecting turtles.

**Cross Mill Road:** Ken Norton expressed concern about the Cross Mill Road river access and parking as the property is now listed for sale. The area has been used for kayak access to the river with the established take out being at Trestle View Park in Franklin. Ken stated that both the American Whitewater Organization and NH Fish & Game are interested in retaining that access for kayaking and fishing. Ken suggested seeking an easement or actually purchasing the access and parking area from the property owner. Discussion followed relative to the width of the existing town owned right of way and the relocation of the bridge in the 1980's. Dave Krause will research the plans for the bridge. Conservation members expressed support of the river access and seeking financing if necessary.

**Minutes:** Dave Krause moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to accept the minutes of March 23, 2016 as read. Motion passed.

**Stocking Knowles Pond:** This topic remains on the agenda in order to continue discussion of whether to allow NH F&G to stock the pond with Rainbow and Brown Trout. Sterling Blackey is concerned about the increased numbers of fisherman and the resulting trash on the pond. Kevin Fife would like to see stocking but agreed that trash will be an issue. Charlie Page is in favor of stocking but agreed that it is important to protect the pond. Christina Beadle asked if the introduced fish would kill the native fish. She suggested doing homework to determine if stocking with trout would upset the wildlife balance by attracting different fish eating animals.

**Pond dock:** Charlie Page has the new dock ready to be installed this week. He will clean up the dead trees around the dock area. He suggested using part of the old dock in a muddy area as access to the new dock.

#### Other:

- NH Lakes Conference
- NHACC dues – no action taken
- Sterling Blackey asked to correct his prior statement that Rowell's were not storing their trucks inside. The trucks have been stored inside as required by the Planning Board.
- The "Conservation Parking" signs have been installed by the Highway Department and look great.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 06-22-2016*