

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
MINUTES

Members present: Rich Bellerose, Dave Krause, Cathy Thibeault and Kevin Fife.

Minutes: Rich Bellerose moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to accept the minutes of July 20, 2011 as read. Motion passed.

Camping issues: Eliza Conde reported that she and Diane Moreau had found and cleaned up 3 separate camping sites with fire rings at Knowles Pond and that there is one tent site on the Dick Smart property. The ordinance for the Dick Smart land specifically says “No camping” and includes a \$500 fine but the Knowles Pond ordinance does not mention camping or fires. The Knowles Pond Management Plan does, however, say “No littering, fires, camping, tenting, or structures of any kind will be permitted”. Members discussed how to have the no camping issue enforced by the town and the need to update the Knowles Pond ordinance to include the prohibition of camping and camp fires. It was agreed to send a letter to the Selectmen asking them to enforce the no camping on the town lands. Allowing camping increases the trash, is not sanitary and lowers the desirability of the areas for daily recreation.

Freudenberg: Emails from Glenn Smith regarding Freudenberg employees’ request for community service were discussed. Knowles Pond would be the best place for them to work but Commission members would want to be included. More information is needed to determine how many workers would be involved and whether they want to work on a weekend or during working hours. A clean up date will be arranged by email after more information is learned.

Correspondence:

- DES – Alice LaBonte Hsu – complaint about cutting on Sandogardy Pond shore without permit.
- DES – Forestry notification – Conde
- DES – Forestry notification – Wasiuk
- DES – Murdoch – wetlands permit approved.
- Katy Abrams – relative to contamination of York Pond in Berlin and notifying anyone who has recreated in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary