

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 20, 2011  
MINUTES**

Members present: Dave Krause, Diane Moreau, Kevin Fife and Rich Bellerose.

**Minutes:** Dave Krause moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to accept the minutes of September 21, 2011 as read. Motion passed.

**Ordinance review:** Members reviewed the Management Plans and Ordinances for the Knowles Pond and Richard Smart properties. In the Smart Management Plan under “Education” the word “without” should be changed to “with”. In the Knowles Pond Management Plan under “Permitted Uses” in the last sentence the word “none should be “one”.

In order to have the Knowles Pond Ordinance be in line with the Knowles Pond Management Plan, Dave Krause moved, seconded by Rich Bellerose to request that the Selectmen hold a public hearing to make the following additions to the existing Ordinance under prohibited activities:

1. Add “Littering, vandalism, the kindling of fires, camping, or the erection of structures of any kind.
2. Add to the current #1 “except in the designated area”

Motion passed. The Selectmen will be encouraged to adopt these changes.

**Knowles Pond Cleanup:** Freudenberg employees have volunteered to help with trail maintenance at Knowles Pond. A tentative date of November 12, 2011 at 10 am was set.

**Land donation:** The current owner of the land in question has requested that the Conservation Commission pay for legal advice relative to a verbal agreement he currently has. The agreed dollar amount has not yet been received and the owner would like to back out of this agreement in order to donate the land to the town. After discussion relative to the possible scenarios involved and the unknown cost of legal fees, the intention of the buyer, the cost of removing items from the property and the eviction process, it was decided that the Conservation Commission is not in the position to expend dollars at this point. A letter will be sent to the owner explaining the Town’s position and that if and when these issues are cleared up the Conservation Commission would be interested in the property.

**Correspondence:**

- DES Environmental news

- NHACC Annual meeting
- Surette Battery plan – review of plan showing the area of “do not disturb”. No suggestions were made for use of the property.

**Other:**

Diane Moreau informed members that David Cheever would like the Commission to purchase 35 acres on Bean Hill (Map R18 Lot 3). Rich will invite him to attend the next Conservation meeting.

Rich Bellerose noted that Spaulding Youth Center has made extensive repairs to their fire pond and that apparently no permit was needed. He added that it has been brought to his attention that Spaulding has at various times ignited bon fires with various types of furniture included. After consulting with the Fire Department concerning regulations about burning furniture, a letter will be sent to Spaulding informing them of the regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 11-30-2011*