

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 23, 2013

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

Minutes: Patti Howe moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to accept the minutes of September 18, 2013 as read. Motion passed.

Signage: A sample sign was provided by C E Graffix made of Eastern White Cedar with letters burned into the wood. These signs can be made to fit the number of letters and arrows needed. 17 signs are needed for Knowles Pond Cons. Area and 4 for the Sotir Cons. Area. It was decided to use cedar posts rather than metal and 10 posts are needed. It was agreed to place a small kiosk at the new entry to Knowles Pond Cons. Area on Knowles Pond Road and another at the entrance to Sotir Cons. Area on Rand Road. Two 4"x4"x10' pressure treated posts are needed for the kiosks and two 6"x6"x8' posts are needed at the entrance to Sotir Cons. Area to discourage vehicles. Rich Bellerose moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to spend \$150 from the Knowles Pond Maintenance Fund and up to \$450 from the 2013 Conservation budget for signs, posts and materials needed to finish two kiosks and install signs on Knowles Pond and Sotir Conservation Areas. Motion passed.

Patti Howe moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to reimburse Cliff Mills for hardware to repair the dock at Knowles Pond \$99.40 to be paid from the Knowles Pond Maintenance Fund. Motion passed.

New Trails: Sterling Blackey has created a new trail from the Rand Road parking lot to Stonewall trail which allows walking a larger circle without having to walk on Rand Road. He is also working on a longer trail on the west side of the property which will connect with the Hemlock Loop Trail. He offered to make a small connecting trail from the intersection of Knowles and Rand trails to the entrance of the Sotir Cons. Area. Patti Howe moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to name the new trail off Hemlock "Rocky Top", the main trail at Sotir Cons. Area "Sotir Trail" and the new trail on Sotir Cons. Area "A&S Loop". Motion passed. The connector from the parking lot to Stonewall will be an extension of Hemlock Loop.

Management Plans and Ordinances: The latest revisions of the Management Plans and Ordinances for the Granite St. and Sotir properties were reviewed revised and corrected. It was agreed to wait until the Management plans were finalized and approved by the Commission before asking the Selectmen to hold a public hearing for the Ordinances. The Management Plans

for the Knowles Pond and Smart Conservation Areas will also be reviewed at the next meeting. Rich Bellerose asked if there is a Management Plan for the Glines Park property and suggested that the Conservation Commission should walk the property.

After reviewing the history of the mills that were located on Granite Street and discussing a variety of suggested names, Patti Howe moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to name the Granite Street property the “Granite Mills Conservation Area”. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

1. DES – PCC Structural – Industrial Discharge Permit
2. Invoice – UMLAC - \$150. Will wait and pay in January.
3. NHCC letter and annual meeting notice
4. Environmental News
5. LRPC Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 11-20-2013