

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 20, 2013
MINUTES

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

Minutes: Kevin Fife moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to accept the minutes of October 23, 2013 as read. Motion passed.

Review PB & ZBA applications: Members reviewed an application for a 2 lot subdivision on Oak Hill Road and seeing no issues will not send any comments to the Planning Board.

Update on signage for Knowles Pond and Sotir properties: Signs and posts have been purchased and will be installed in the appropriate trail intersections. The 6x6 posts that were placed at the entrance to the Sotir property were almost immediately removed. It was decided that it will be necessary to place boulders instead in order to keep vehicles out but allow 4 wheelers and snowmobiles.

Review of Glines Park property: While walking this property it appeared that it might be appropriate to have some forest management involved to determine whether there should be a thinning. Will seek further information relative to such management.

Review and finalize proposed management plans and ordinances for the Granite Mills and Sotir Conservation Areas.

1. Granite Mills – Patti Howe commented that there have been vehicles parking by the shed on this property. It was agreed to have a boulder placed in the middle of the opening of the cement wall which would allow the town's lawn mower to pass but not vehicles. Dave Krause moved, seconded by Kevin Fife to approve the Granite Mills Conservation Area Management /Stewardship Plan. Motion passed. The Ordinance was corrected to add wording that the future WRTA trail and bridge can be located on the property.

2. Sotir – Dave Krause moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to approve the Sotir Conservation Area Management/Stewardship plan. Motion passed.

Dave Krause moved, seconded by Patti Howe to request that the Selectmen hold a public hearing to approve Ordinances for the Granite Mills and Sotir Conservation Areas. Motion passed.

Review management plans for Knowles Pond and Smart Conservation Areas:

Members reviewed the Management plans and Ordinances for Knowles Pond and Smart Conservation Areas and saw nothing to change.

Other:

1. Beavers have been doing some serious damage cutting fairly large trees at Knowles Pond. It was agreed to investigate trapping.
2. It was agreed to request volunteers for maintaining town trails.
3. It was agreed to allow the town trail maps to be included on the NEMBA website.
4. The beaver control contraption at Knowles Pond needs to be removed each winter and the brush on the dam needs to be removed. Will speak with the Highway Department about this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 12-17-2013