

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MAY 17, 2023 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Tori Luksha, Sarah Kerns

Absent: Mike Barry

Guests: Skip Dunnell, Isaac Golding, Tessa Powers

Bill opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

This was a continuation of the **Notice of Intent (NOI) of the public safety complex**. Skip Dunnell said the Safety Complex Advisory Board had just met, and he informed us that the project is on hold. They will be looking at other options, but they are uncertain if any structure will be built on the property that ConsCom has been reviewing. Skip shared the Town Administrator will be contacting ConsCom directly with the official notice. We discussed the quandary of an almost completed wetlands specialist report. Motion made (Tori/Robin) and carried to continue the hearing until July 21.

Isaac Golding, Chief Operator of Northfield Wastewater Treatment Facility, presented a **Beaver Conflict Resolution Permit**. It was a 10-day emergency permit which the Board of Health approved on May 10, 2023. At least two manholes are submerged and infiltrating the sewer system in the Glenwood Ave to Pine Street area. Many of us were sad to learn beavers are shot and disposed of in accordance with state law. Bill quietly signed the form. Isaac will send us photos of the underwater manholes.

Sarah updated us on the two devices ConsCom will apply for through the **technology grant**. One is conducive to field work.

ConsCom has seven young **pagoda dogwood trees to donate**. We discussed many options and chose to reach out to Patricia Kinsella and John Lapore for their outdoor learning school projects. We may have one planted at King Philip's Hill.

Robin will be resigning from town committees on June 30th. Motion made (Tori/Charlie) and carried to have Sarah be rep to Open Space Cmte. Motion made (Robin/Charlie) and carried to have Tori be rep to Community Preservation Cmte.

Site visits are planned for the oil slick **complaint**.

Minutes of the May 3 special meeting were approved as written. There was no mail to review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes accepted 6/22/23 with minor wording change. Electronically submitted 6/23/23. RC