

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING JUNE 22, 2023 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn (zoom), Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Tori Luksha, Sarah Kerns  
Guests: Nancy Billings, Michael Gralenski, Deb & Connie Putnam

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

This was a continuation of the **Notice of Intent (NOI) of the public safety complex**. Bill spoke with David Cameron, Wetlands Scientist, who said he had not started a portion of his report, so they agreed to halt all further reporting. Other options are being pursued for the public safety complex. If any structure is planned for the Mill Brook site, another NOI needs to be submitted. Charlie will contact Andrea, Town Administrator, to determine when these hearings can be closed. Motion made (Tori/Mike) and carried to continue the hearing until July 21.

Nancy Billings presented the situation on her 15 Millers Falls Road property regarding the **cease & desist order** issued by ConsCom. She explained the work was general property maintenance that involved brush removal, dead and/or diseased tree removal, and consequently stump removal. An excavator was used. Nancy wanted to know if she could finish the project by cleaning up wood piles, raking, planting grass seed, and applying straw. ConsCom explained this is along an intermittent stream and that a 100' buffer zone needs to be maintained in accordance with the WPA (Wetlands Protective Act). There were concerns about corrugated culverts near the stream. Owner stated they did not remove the 3-4 lengths of culvert but that Firstlight had done so and left the debris on their property. We discussed how to move forward. ConsCom encouraged Nancy to fill out Form 3 as much as possible and to then schedule a site visit where we can meet to discuss the work along this stream. At the following meeting, if posted on the agenda, ConsCom can vote.

Deb and Connie Putnam explained that they were advised to get a permit to put a **temporary rock barrier in their stream** for their grandchildren's recreational use. They completed an RFD form, and ConsCom advised them to mail it to the regional DEP office. ConsCom could then make a site visit.

The **PVRSD invasive species removal** is on hold. The School Board did not approve the request as presented.

Motion made (Mike/Tori) and carried to **nominate Sarah as a voting commissioner**. The Selectboard gives final approval.

We discussed upcoming workshops. Motion made (Mike/Tori) to pay dues. Minutes of May 17 meeting were approved with minor changes. Kathy Bridges submitted the septic system design of a proposed residence, but the system is outside our jurisdiction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.