

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of June 11, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Patricia Coppolino, Larry Garland, Don Wallace, Matt Krebs, Pam Knox, Russ Barrett, and Leslie Matthews.

Chair called meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Knox, to approve minutes. **Motion passed 7-0-0.**

III. **DISCUSSION**

- a. **Update Dog River Geomorphic Assessment Grant.** Commissioner Garland discussed the status of the study. The digitization of the river is complete. Letters have been sent to all land owners along the river. There were 167 letters in all. The original grant did not provide enough funds to do the entire Dog River and all tributaries. Thus, the Vermont DEC will be funding and managing Bear Creek to finish the rest of the study that the original grant did not cover. Commissioner Garland will be coordinating all volunteers to help with the study, therefore, if anyone is interested in volunteering they need to contact Commissioner Garland.
- b. **Plan for Municipal Forest Management.** Chair Coppolino assembled a step by step process for how to go about devising a management plan for the forest. Discussion of this process ensued. It was agreed to start by doing a GPS survey of the existing trails in the forest. Two groups will go out on 6/23 and 6/29 to start. It was also discussed to create a data sheet to be filled out for the inventory hikes. Commissioner Barrett will check to see if he has access of a template we could use as a guide to start.
- c. **Web Page.** Commissioner Matthews is still interested in being the web site administrator. She will check with town manager to see if we should have our own section on the town page or not.
- d. **Ideas for Future Conservation Committee Activities.** Discussion ensued about different things the Commission could do in the future for education and community involvement.

VI. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items.**

- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adjourn. **Motion passed 7-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew S. Krebs*

Matthew S. Krebs, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.