

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of November 12, 2008**

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

Chair called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Coppolino to approve Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Knox, minutes approved.

III. DISCUSSION:

- a. **Presentation by Fred Larson on the Geographical Study of Northfield.** Former Norwich Professor Fred Larson gave an informative, detailed, discussion on the geographical creation of the Dog River Watershed. Included with the minutes are the handout and maps provided to the commission by Mr. Larson.
- b. **Grants.** Commissioner Coppolino opened the discussion on the approaching grant deadline and which grant should we apply for or if we should apply for both. The decision was made to apply for both the Natural Communities Proposal grant focusing on the Municipal lands and Paine Mountain and a second grant proposal for a Skidder Bridge. It was decided that both proposals would be beneficial to the town and the Dog River Watershed. Deadline for the proposals is Friday, November 14, 2008. Commissioner Coppolino will update the grant proposals after discussion input and will email the revised copies on Thursday for continuing comments.
- c. **Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting.** Commissioner Barrett attended the Association of Conservation Commission Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 8th. While he was there he attended a class on Grant Writing, Discussion on Vernal Pools (where he signed up Northfield for a Vernal Pool Study) along with a class on Grass Roots Conservation Across Town Lines. He found the meeting to be informative overall and thought that it would be helpful if next year more commissioners attended to allow more participation in offered classes.

IV. DECEMBER MEETING:

- a. Jens Hilke, Community Wildlife Program Conservation Planning Biologist will be a guest speaker at our next meeting on December 10, 2008.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Coppolino, seconded by Commissioner Knox to adjourn. **Motion passed 6-0-0**

The board adjourned at 9:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Knox, temporary Clerk for Mathew Krebs

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