

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of April 8, 2009**

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

Chair called meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion by Chair Coppolino, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve minutes for February. **Motion passed 4-0-1.**
- b. Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Chair Coppolino, to approve minutes for February. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **DISCUSSION**

- a. **Presentation from Jens Hilke, Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Habitat and Town Planning.** Jens is a conservation planning biologist. He started by explaining what he does at Fish and Wildlife and how he helps towns with conservation planning. He discussed the many different methods that can be used to help in the conservation effort. He also discussed that a great place to start is to do a community mapping project with all the interested parties and residents of the town to see what areas are important to each group to conserve. This would be used as a baseline for leading conservation efforts.

b. **Action Items.**

Chair Coppolino asked everyone to re-look at Land Use and Natural Resources sections of the town plan.

Commissioner Matthews-she created a list serve that was sent out. Everyone can read it but only members can post.

Commissioner Krebs-Chair Coppolino had met with Bill Lyon and was told all the spots we had looked at were ok to use but will need some permitting to make parking because they were too narrow.

Commissioner Barrett-He researched Berlin's policy and ATV's are allowed with limitations.

- c. **Land Conservation Letters.** This was skipped due to time constraints.
- d. **Municipal Forest.** Chair Coppolino proposed we come up with a plan to limit activities on sensitive areas until a plan can be finalized to avoid any further damage, as well as, to allow for regeneration time.
- e. **Summer Festivus.** This was skipped due to time constraints.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- V. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Matthews to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew S. Krebs

Matthew S. Krebs, Clerk

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