

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of April 9, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Patricia Coppolino, Larry Garland, Don Wallace, Matt Krebs, Pam Knox (arrived late), Russ Barrett (absent), and Leslie Matthews (absent). Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Village Trustee Libby Hambleton, and Daniel Staples (*Northfield News & Transcript*).

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

- II. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Each Commissioner presented experiences that would be helpful to the commission, their primary reason for joining, and what they would like to focus on most.

III. **REVIEW STATUE AND ADOPT RULES**

- a. **Voting Rules to be Roberts Rules of Order.** Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Garland. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **Vote for Chairperson.** Commissioner Wallace nominated Patricia Coppolino, seconded by Commissioner Garland. **Motion passed 3-0-0.**
- c. **Vote for Clerk.** Nomination postponed until all commission members are present.
- d. **Vote for Treasurer.** Commissioner Wallace nominated town treasurer to handle duties, seconded by Chair Coppolino. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- e. **Vote for Meeting Time.** Motion for second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Chair Coppolino. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

- IV. **VOTE TO ACCEPT MISSION STATEMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

V. **REVIEW PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS**

- a. **Dog River Geomorphic Assessment Grant.** Commissioner Garland discussed how the Conservation Cooperative received a grant from the DEC for \$35,000 to study the river banks and bottom. Bid requests had been sent out to private consultants and were due back by April 10, 2008. CV Regional Planning has been contracted to digitize maps of the Dog River and all tributaries. There is a steering committee already established. They will be looking for volunteers to help with some field work. The field survey will be conducted from June to September and the contractor will provide public outreach when the study is complete.
- b. **Trail Maintenance Grant Application.** Commissioner Coppolino and Commissioner Barrett filed for a \$10,000 grant for trail maintenance of the town forest on Paine Mountain. The grant should be awarded in June. The next step is to create a management plan for the town forest with the Village Trustees.

