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Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

May 26, 2010

In Attendance: William Graf, Temp. Chair

Nora Barton Bryant

Carolyn Garretson

Michael George

Patricia Weiner

Kathy Batchelder, Selectman's Representative

Absent: James Bearce

Ron Rogstead, Alternate

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. Pat Weiner was appointed scribe. The minutes of April 28 were approved. It was agreed that **drafts** of the minutes should be forwarded to Township recipients in the interest of time. Any corrections made at the next Con Com meeting would be forwarded in a subsequent transmission.

II. Correspondence

A. Copies of ZBA meeting minutes and the ZBA agenda for 6/1/10 were offered by BG.

B. BG also offered the DES Complete Forestry Notification for Bradley-Draper Forest on Gilmore Pond Rd.

C. A letter from NHACD was reviewed regarding a request for funds for the NH Envirothon.

Conant H.S. has two teams participating in the Envirothon. Since we are only allowed to make donations from funds the Town gives us and since \$200 has already been pledged to Camp Wildwood, not much is left to donate. NBB moved that Con Com donate \$50 for the Envirothon. The motion was seconded and passed, pending verification of available funds.

D. A letter forwarded from the Select Board from Ann McEntee seeking an appointment to the Con Com was discussed. Ann will be invited to observe our next meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. The balance available, based on information at hand, is \$6,234.62.

B. CG moved to have Con Com reimburse itself from the Gordon Fund interest for the bill previously paid from Con Com funds towards the survey of Children's Woods (amount \$1002.50). This motion was seconded and passed. This action would leave \$402.01 in the Gordon Fund.

IV. Priority Items

A. Ann McBride and Ryan Owen, representing the Monadnock Conservancy, made a presentation regarding a possible MC easement on the Shattuck Farm on Great Road. The Shattucks are very interested in conserving their property, in part due to the land's lengthy family and regional history.

The Federal Farm and Ranchland Program would finance one half of the \$290,000 project cost. The rest must be financed by LCHIP (applications are being accepted now) and local funding. MC believes that local funding in the amount of \$30,000 would satisfy both LCHIP and the FFRP. If Con Com agrees to assist, MC and Ryan Owens would head the fundraising effort.

We thanked Ann and Ryan for their presentation and advised them we would contact The Monadnock Conservancy regarding our participation in the fundraising effort.

Once MC representatives left, this item was discussed at length. CG moved to have Con Com take an active part in the Shattuck easement fundraising. The motion was seconded by MG and passed. We will meet with MC representatives at the home of MG at 7PM on June 14 to organize efforts.

B. Update on Riverfest

Con Com has bought a tent for this and future occasions. KB will check to see if it is feasible to display the NRI maps on rope strung between trees on the library lawn. The next participant's TEAM Jaffrey meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on June 9. PW will represent Con Com at that meeting.

C. Update on the Ad Hoc OSC

CG and BG advised that all interest group meetings have been held. It is now awaiting determination of additional members and review by the Select Board. It is hoped that a preliminary OSP will be in place by September of this year.

V. Reports

A. The Lands and Trails report was postponed until the next meeting.

B. Con Com Brochure

MG will contact a photographer for possible brochure work. It was also suggested that we should ID watersheds and include the protection of those watersheds.

VII. Updates and Information

A. NE Forestry Foundation workshop will be held Friday, June 4.

B. Local Government Center workshops, June 2 and 9

C. NHACC Annual Meeting will be held November 6.

BG has directions for all of the above meetings.

VII. Other Business

A. PW reported on the PB meeting of May 25. The public hearing was reopened regarding the Miken Realty development on Ingalls Rd. The hearing concerned, for the most part, the road conditions on Ingalls Rd. This should not involve Con Com. However, Con Com will continue to monitor for any problems that may involve wetlands regulations as wetlands

noticeably exist on the property. PW will obtain an updated copy of the applicant's plan for subdivision for Con Com review.

B. NBB advised that the Con Com meeting was omitted from the Transcript - Ledger's list of open meetings in the area in the May 25, edition. She will contact the paper about this.

C. NBB advised that there is a class offered at the H.S. on Nature Trail Ecology. At MG's prompt, discussion was held about the possibility of having a H.S. student guest representative (not a member as members must be of voting age) on Con Com. BG will call the school for further information

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be held June 23 at the Town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Weiner