

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes

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November 30, 2011

Present: Michael George, Chairman

Nora Barton Bryant

Nancy Beiter

Carolyn Garretson

William Graf

Patricia Weiner

Anne McBride, Monadnock Conservancy, Guest

Absent: Ron Rogstad, Alternate

Kathy Batchelder, Selectboard Representative

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. The October minutes were approved after minor corrections.

II. The financial report was reviewed by CG. Two hundred dollars remains from the Town line funds. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to donate the two hundred dollars to The Society for the Preservation of NH Forests. In addition, a letter must be written to the Town Trustees to request this year's income from the Gordon Fund (for Children's Woods). WG will write and forward this letter on behalf of the Con Com.

III. MG reported that there has been no progress in the final formation of the Open Space Committee. MG also reported that he has requested that the Con Com be placed on the next Planning Board agenda to request that the NRI be made a part of the Master plan.

IV. Additional plans for Children's Woods were discussed. Maps will be printed and laminated to be placed in the information kiosks to be built. MG will confirm costs for the maps and for a trifold brochure. He will also obtain estimates from two carpenters for the building of 4 kiosks. Funds will come from the Gordon Trust Fund funds. CG will investigate the building and placement of bird, owl and duck houses as a Children's Woods project for next year.

V. Re: the status of Whittimore Island - NB will review the deed and will request that this be placed on the next Selectboard meeting agenda if possible.

VI. Anne McBride from the Monadnock Conservancy reviewed progress to date of fundraising for the Shattuck Farm easement. With the latest grant (anonymous) from a Family Foundation, there is only \$5000 left to raise to complete the process. Con Com will assist by mailing a fund raising letter to potential donors. PW will investigate the best way to complete this mailing.

VII. The clear cutting on route 119 was done in order to clear storm damage. MG will obtain further clarification.

VIII. Other Business: NBB submitted newspaper articles regarding invasive species. CG will be presenting a program regarding invasive species at the Thorndike Club next summer. Mail from Rindge Con Com was read regarding its presentation about Annett State Forest at the WellingtonCenter on December 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. The next Con Com meeting will be held at the Town offices on January 4, 2012 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Weiner