

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes
July 25, 2012

Present: Michael George, Chair
 Nora Barton Bryant
 Carolyn Garretson
 William Graf

 Herbert Gramm, guest

Absent: Nancy Beiter
 Patricia Weiner
 Don MacIsaac, Selectboard Representative
 Ron Rogstad, Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. WG agreed to take minutes The minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting were accepted..

I. Budget Review - CG reported income for the month as \$6.20 in interest, and \$17,148.48 as the Commission's share of LUCT Funds. Expenditures were \$259 for the CPCA kiosk, \$1,115.51 for the mailing on the Shattuck easement, and \$75 for reimbursement for the Saving Special Places Conference. There is a balance of \$51,727.70 in the Con Com account.

CG also reported that Pam Bernier was stepping down as the bookkeeper in the Treasurer's Office.

II. Ongoing Items

A. Bear Program- The program on bears, by bear biologist Ben Kilham, is scheduled for August 14, 2012 at the Woman's Club. The event is free and is open to the public. It will be publicized by flyers, press releases, and email

B. Riverfest - Everyone has their assignments. We will meet at 9:00 AM to set up the booth.

C. Shattuck Fundraising Update - CG reported that to date \$4,690 has been donated by 48 people. We are very close to the goal of \$5,000, and there are a few donations outstanding. It was recommended that the Commissioners send personal thank you notes to all donors. All agreed.

D. Gray Goose Monitoring - MG and BG have yet to make arrangements to monitor these easements but plan to do so by the end of August.

E. Children's Woods and Carey Park Brochure - MG has not had time to complete the brochure but hopes to soon.

!!!. New Business

A. CPCA - Now that the kiosk and sign are installed at the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area, we need to decide the next steps in opening up the area. MG and BG will walk the area and come up with a list of suggestions. This will be compared with the list Jim Bearce made two years ago, and a recommendation will be made to the Con Com.

B. Long-range Planning/Mission Development - MG expressed a need to develop a long-range plan for the Con Com. Everyone agreed to the need, but CG did feel that we are now doing many of the things we had envisioned before, such as the map for Children's Woods, the educational program on bears and the dissemination of information on invasive species. BG recommended that we get clarification from the Select Board on the Open Space Committee. If that Committee is not going to be formed, then Con Com will have to continue to perform that function and will need to include it in the plan.

MG will formulate several questions on long-range planning for the Commission before our next meeting. Then we can decide if we want to schedule a special meeting devoted to planning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held August 22 at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

William Graf