

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting Held at Town Hall January 28, 2015

Present: Nancy Beiter, Acting Chairman, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Pamela Armstrong, , Nora Barton Bryant, William Graf, Francis McBride, Patricia Weiner

Regrets: Matthew Amadon, Carolyn D. Garretson, Michael George -- Absent: Tom Rothermel

Guests: Lisa Wiley

I. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

II. Lisa Wiley of Massachusetts Audubon spoke to the Commission about Camp Wildwood in Rindge, and the scholarship available to a Jaffrey child between the ages of 9-14. Ms. Wiley also provided information on the year-round programs offered at the Monadnock Conservation Center, which is the site of the camp. Bill Graf will contact Lynn Merlone about potential scholarship candidates.

III. The minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2014, were approved.

IV. Financial Review: \$77,909.31 in accounts (unaudited).

V. The Annual Report was prepared by CDG, and has been submitted.

VI. In response to a request for information from the Budget Committee, the Commission discussed the purpose of the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund (LACRF). Approval was given for the preparation of the LACRF warrant article, as usual. Members of the Commission will attend the Budget Meeting January 29, to clarify their communication and to request their support for the warrant article..

VII. An application for a Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant will be prepared for 2016.

VIII. A donation of \$300 was made to the Charlie Royce Memorial Conservation Fund.

IX. A letter proposing David Soleau as an Alternate Member of the ConComm, has been submitted to the Selectmen.

X. Letters regarding various local projects were reviewed. From DES: Chiasson: Squantum Rd. shoreline amendment approved retroactively; Charity Brown: Thorndike Pond lagoon dredging not approved; Meyers farm pond approved; Auchentiel Family Trust logging approved on Lot 312. From Monadnock Conservancy: a monitoring report on Whittemore Island.

XI. A town ordinance passed in Barnstead, NH, intended to protect the watershed from corporate water withdrawals, was discussed as being possibly pertinent to Jaffrey.

XII. David Lawrence has placed 21.9 acres on Thorndike Pond into Conservation Easement.

XIII. A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 25, 2015 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.