

Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

Meeting Held at Town Offices April 22, 2015

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Matthew Amadon, Pamela Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, William Graf, Charlie Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel, Select Board Representative

Regrets: Nan Beiter, Michael George, Michael Soleau, Patricia Weiner

Guests: Mark Kresge, Chair Planning Board

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

II. Mark Kresge spoke to the Commission about the formation of a sub-committee, charged with the review of the Jaffrey Wetlands and Shoreland Protection ordinances, to make sure they correspond with State law or are more stringent per town ordinances. It is Mr. Kresge's hope that three members of the Planning Board and three members of the Conservation Commission can meet to review the current ordinances of Jaffrey and surrounding communities, to draft appropriate language for approval by both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, and ultimately, propose the new regulations at the next Town Meeting. A preliminary meeting will take place Tuesday, May 19th, with three additional meetings anticipated over the summer. Mr. Kresge and the Commission members also spoke about the creation of an Open Space Committee, a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission with the input of the Planning Board. The subcommittee would report to the Conservation Commission and make recommendations regarding land use. A more coordinated relationship with the Planning Board would serve the town better.

A motion was passed to form an Open Space Committee as a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission. A preliminary meeting of the interested members will take place Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.

III. The minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2015, were approved.

IV. Financial Review: \$8,376 payment to be made to the Student Conservation Association. This payment will be refunded. \$69,231.49 is in the account.

V. A payment of \$250 was approved to support a Jaffrey student for Camp Wildwood this summer.

VI. The Membership of the Conservation Commission has been modified to accommodate the needs of its participants: Nan Beiter and Michael George have become Alternates; Pam Armstrong and Michael Soleau have become Members.

VII. Four-wheeling has continued in the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA). The Parties have been identified, and will be spoken to by Police Chief Oswalt. Signs prohibiting motorized vehicles are posted. The Commission will re-visit the installation of a bar gate.

VIII. Grey Goose Farm has been visited as part of the required monitoring of conservation easements. At this time, the landowners have not been notified of the concerns raised during the visit. Some excavation appears to have taken place without subsequent restoration; a survey of the building site envelope needs to be performed.

IX. Conservation Commission members will be participating in the Town Clean Up organized by Team Jaffrey, to take place May 2, 2015. CDG will give Melanie McDonald the list of members who volunteered: Matt Amadon, Pam Armstrong, Carolyn Garretson, Bill Graf, Fran McBride, Elizabeth Webster. Details will be provided to members when known.

X. A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:26 p.m. The next meeting is set for May 27, 2015 at the Town Offices at 7:00 p.m.