

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices June 22 2016

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Nora Barton Bryant, Nan Beiter, Patricia Weiner, Michael George

Absent: Matthew Amadon

Guests: Herb Gramm

I. The meeting convened 7:05PM. Guests were introduced.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Financial status – \$29.95 spent on weights for display canopy for outdoor events. Otherwise, unchanged.

IV. New Land Donation – Herb and Collette Gramm have completed the donation of their property adjacent to the Mountain Brook Reservoir to The Monadnock Conservancy. This property is open to the public for hiking and educational purposes. We are very grateful for this asset to the town.

Herb also mentioned the problems of overuse and misuse at Sandy Beach/Bradley Draper land.

V. Ongoing Items

A. 100 Acre School Board Property – The property is still in the process of being appraised. No meeting of the Exploratory Committee has taken place. However, CK has prepared a rough estimate of the anticipated transaction costs, based on figures provided by Anne McBride of The Monadnock Conservancy. These figures will be provided to the Committee with the understanding that this amount would be part of the grants sought for purchase of the easement. It was CDG's opinion that this information should be included as part of the conservation easement and grant proposals, once this is requested.

B. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area – BG has checked for signs of motor vehicle use and evidence that the new trail is being used, rather than the old one. An additional log was put across the old trail. Continued monitoring is advised, and another work day needs to be scheduled.

C. Forest Management Proposal– Not yet available.

D. Educational Programs– The migratory birds program will be presented at the Meeting

House on July 7, 2016. A mock-up of the poster was presented. Advertisements and calendar announcements need to be placed in the Shopper and The Ledger. CDG has been in communication with John Litvaitis, Head of the Bobcat Study at UNH, regarding a presentation. He has recommended graduate student Rory O'Connell to present the program. KB will look into using the Civic Center as a venue. Otherwise the program is tentatively scheduled for August 9th at the Woman's Club. The education committee will meet for advertising and news releases.

E. Mail – No significant mail.

VI. New Business

A. Kathy Weibel of the DAR has asked the JCC to co-sponsor the showing of a film. The Conservation Commission would like more information about the proposed structure of the program: discussion, updated information, etc.. CDG will speak to Ms. Weibel.

B. BG attended a workshop hosted by the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) on the identification of aquatic invasive species. He will make the information available for the Riverfest display. Members of the Commission may borrow the folder to educate themselves.

C. Riverfest is scheduled for July 30th. KB will get information on the JCC location. KB and EW to set up at 9:00, remaining until noon. BG and CDG to take over from noon until 3:00.

D. Randy Christmas has been advised that he must submit the paperwork to DES in order for action to be taken on the drainage pipe into the river. BG has offered to assist Mr. Christmas in the completion of the documents. He will also look into the documents for the approval of the parking lot's construction.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2016, 7PM at the Town Offices.