

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting held at Town Offices August 24, 2016

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Nora Barton Bryant,, Nan Beiter, William Graf, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Matthew Amadon, Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, Michael George, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel

I. The meeting convened 7:02 PM.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Financial status – Unchanged.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Educational Program – The Bobcat presentation was well attended. The Commission would like greater youth involvement, and will work for more outreach through the Library.

B. 100 Acre School Board Property – The appraisal has been presented. The School Board has no plans to sell the property or investigate a conservation easement at this time.

C. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area – Additional trail work needs to be done. CDG will contact Ruth Webber about getting the Boy Scouts involved. Peggy Ueda and FMcB interested in participating. Work to be done on a Saturday in the latter part of September.

D. Forest Management Proposal – At September or October Meeting.

E. Mail – A request for an Expedited DES Application has been made by Chris Underwood, for the replacement of his storage shed on the shore of Gilmore Pond. Motion to Expedite DES Application: Passed. CDG will follow up. Additional shoreline modification observed during site visit will also be addressed in conjunction with Rob Deschenes.

The Banker/Brown project for the dredging of a lagoon on Thorndike Pond has been approved.

Randy Christmas received a letter from DES indicating they do not have oversight in these areas and would not pursue his request, that it was a civil matter.

Re: Mr. Hurd's porch – DES sent a letter that there are 3 missing items. The porch was completed and he filed the permit retroactively.

Mr. Dublin filed a permit to construct a retaining wall to prevent the collapse of the road onto the beach and to replace sand.

F. Programs – September 14: Cheshire Conservation District presents Doug Cygan

speaking on The Town's Role in Invasive Species Management. CDG, BG, and NBB plan to attend.

G. ZBA and Planning Meetings – September 6: ZBA to consider a septic plan on Thorndike Pond. September 14: Planning to consider Davis Village and Greylock proposals.

V. New Business

A. SPNHF Properties – The Conservation Commission has been informed that some properties currently tax-exempt have been questioned by the town and should be placed under Current Use by SPNHF.

B. Grey Goose – The Trombley's have contacted Jed Paquin about surveying the property as required in the easement. Motion To hire Jeff Littleton to perform the annual monitoring of the easement in October once the survey is completed: Passed.

C. Children's Woods – Peggy Ueda has expressed concern that the trail markers are not reflected on the map. CDG to follow up.

D. Snowy Owls – The Monadnock Camera Club is sponsoring a presentation by Peter Christoph at the Jaffrey Civic Center, September 15, 7 PM.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2016, 7PM at the Town Offices.