Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices October 26, 2016

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Absent: Matthew Amadon,

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Financial status – Unchanged.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Forest Management Proposal – Charles Koch spent some time at CPCA. He will complete the field work and prepare a map to present at the next meeting. He has located a Forestry Plan for Carey Park dated 1998, which will be useful to him.

B. Grey Goose Farm – BG and FMcB made a site visit with Jeff Littleton and found all the issues had been addressed. BG feels capable of monitoring the easement in the future. The Monadnock Conservancy has declined the transfer of the easement to their care.

C. Planning Board– CK and EW summarized the proceedings as they related to the ConComm.

D. DES has sent a comprehensive letter to the owners of the Fitch Rd. property, outlining the various infractions and the remedies they require.

E. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area –FMcB contacted Rick Brackett about the maps. New maps will be created after forestry work is done. BG has made a new trail sign which he will install. Motor vehicles continue to use the trails, despite brush barriers.

F. Mail – 1. Received a registration notice for the NHACC Annual Meeting and Conference on Nov. 12, 2016.

2. Received a bill for Jaffrey's membership in NHACC for $333.00.

3. Received a Water Supply Newsletter from NHDES Groundwater Bureau.

V. New Business

A. Aquatic and Riparian Invasives – CDG attended a presentation by Amy Smagula on the need for the removal of invasives from waterways and riparian areas beginning with the headwaters. Ms. Smagula stated that mapping, removal and monitoring is the

responsibility of each district, as is the recruitment of volunteers to carry out these tasks. Jaffrey is home to the source of the Contoocook River, and thus has primary responsibility for its contamination downstream if no action is taken. CDG will ask Ms. Smagula to present her plan to the Select Board. It is hoped that with their help, and through education, volunteers can be enlisted to assist with this important project.

B. A Winter Get-Together will take place at EW's house on January 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2016, 7PM at the Town Offices.