

## **Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft**

### **Meeting held at Town Offices March 23, 2016**

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Nan Beiter, William Graf, Charles Koch, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Francis McBride, Patricia Weiner

Absent: Matthew Amadon

Guests: Kathy Batchelder

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

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Financial status is unchanged from last month. The \$5,000.00 Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund (LACRF) requested of the Town was approved at the Town Meeting. CDG will ascertain the total in that account.

#### **IV. Ongoing Items**

A. A sixth grade student has been identified for the Conservation Commission scholarship for Camp Wildwood. The Conservation Commission will pay the \$175.00 portion of the tuition and the \$65.00 Audubon Society Membership Fee for the family.

B. 100 Acre School Board Property – The property is in the process of being appraised. The Superintendent of Schools has expressed interest in the joint venture of the School District and the Rindge and Jaffrey Conservation Commissions, which would place part or all of the 100 acres in conservation with the intent of using it for educational purposes. Brian Hotz of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests believes there are grants available for such projects. Once the appraisal is available, a meeting of the interested parties will take place.

C. Bobcat Hunting – CDG will attend the Joint Legislative Hearing April 1st in Concord, to voice the Commission's opposition to the hunt and trapping. In view of public outcry, Fish and Game may be advised to postpone the bobcat season.

D. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area – On April 2, 10AM, members will meet to mark the re-routed trail. Once this is done, the file can be modified and a corrected map created. Rick Brackett will be invited to attend.

E. Children's Woods and Carey Park: Educational Program Funding – Kathy Batchelder runs the after-school program for the Middle School. She will speak to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to find curricula which take advantage of the opportunities provided by the

properties. The Consv. Comm. Also wishes to support Envirothon. PW will be asked to look into 4-H involvement.

F. Saving Special Places, April 8 – CDG, PA, and BG will be attending.

#### V. New Business

A. Earth Day activity suggestions are sought. Consv. Comm. members are encouraged to sign up for Team Jaffrey Town Clean Up on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9AM.

B. A Migratory Bird lecture is to be given by Mr. Raleigh at the Meetinghouse on July 7, 7PM co-sponsored with the Friends of the Library.

C. CK recommends updating the management plans for all the land holdings of the Consv. Comm.

D. The ZBA Meeting of April 5 concerns wetlands impact. Attendance is encouraged.

E. Kathy Batchelder would like to join the Conservation Commission. CDG has written a letter to the Select Board recommending her for membership.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 27, 7PM at the Town Offices.