

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices December 7, 2016

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Michael George, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter

Absent: Matthew Amadon, Tom Rothermel

Guests: Gabe Roxby and Wendy Weisiger, Field Foresters, Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF)

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM. Guests were introduced.

II. Gabe Roxby and Wendy Weisiger presented the Management Plan for the 67 acre portion of Mount Monadnock which is undergoing timber harvest, proximal to the Marlborough Trail. SPNHF's goals in undertaking the harvest include improving diversity within the forests, protecting water quality, educating the public regarding forest management, and funding the recreational opportunities provided by the mountain. They are seeking the assistance of the Conservation Commission in helping to allay those public concerns which may arise. SPNHF is organizing a Timber Harvest Tour on Jan. 7, 2017, between 9-12.

III. The minutes of the Oct. 26 meeting were approved. The minutes of the November 28 meeting were approved.

IV. Financial status – Jeff Littleton has been paid \$450.00 for his work on the Grey Goose Easement Monitoring.

V. Ongoing Items

A. Disposition of Donation – \$185.01 remains in the Town Line, which must be used before Dec. 31. Motion: To donate \$50.00 to the Envirothon Program and the remainder to the Contoocook & North Branch River LAC. Passed.

B. Forest Management Proposal – Charles Koch distributed Habitat Base Maps, Timber Valuations and Inventories for the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA). Further discussion needs to take place to determine appropriate action on trail development and maintenance, parking, timber harvest, and invasive species management. A sub-committee consisting of CDG, BG, and MG will meet with CK on January 17, 2017, at 7 PM at the Town Offices.

C. Annual Report and Warrant Article – In preparation for Town Meeting, CDG will prepare the Annual Report. The Conservation Commission wishes to submit a warrant to

Town Meeting to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be deposited into the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund established in 2008 under the provisions of RSA 35:1.

D. Mail – 1. CDG sent a letter to the Trombleys at Grey Goose Farm, thanking them for meeting the requirements of their easement. A copy was sent to the Town Manager.

2. DES has declined the permit for Peter Dublin's work at Hunt Rd., citing a lack of documentation.

3. DES has provided Mr. Lewandowski and Ms. Williamson, the owners of the Fitch Rd. property with the requirements for their beach stabilization project.

VI. New Business

A. Transfer Station – It has come to our attention that there is a committee working to improve conditions and efficiency at the Transfer Station. The Conservation Commission discussed their support to increase re-cycling in Jaffrey and to improve the conditions and therefore its use by Jaffrey residents for household materials. Concerns regarding lack of re-cycling by residents as well as use of the transfer station by non-residents and contractors was discussed. The sense of the commissioners was that the Conservation Commission would like to support efforts to improve the Transfer Station.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.