

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices January 25, 2017

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

Regrets: Nan Beiter, Michael George, Patricia Weiner, Tom Rothermel, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Absent: Matthew Amadon

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM.

II. The minutes of the Dec. 7 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Status: Unchanged

IV. Ongoing Items

A. SPNHF Timber Harvest Tour – Bill Graf, Fran McBride, and Tom Rothermel participated in the hike on January 7th. It was both informative and well attended.

B. Forest Management Proposal – The Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA) has been inventoried. The process will continue in Children's Woods in the spring; documentation to follow.

C. Annual Report and Warrant Article – CDG has prepared and submitted the Annual Report and the warrant article for Town Meeting.

D. CPCA – A sub-committee consisting of BG, and MG met with CK on January 17 (CDG was unable to attend). The recommendation is to leave the timber, as the value is nominal, and to create a loop trail. The trail should be marked in spring, when wetlands are most evident. The parking lot should remain as is, until usage can be better determined. A ten acre area is infested with buckthorn which could be addressed later.

V. New Business

A. Transfer Station – The Recycling Committee will be attending a Select Board Meeting in the near future. Conservation Commission members will be notified of the date.

B. Educational Programs – Proposals were made to develop educational programs which make Conservation a more tangible concept to young people. Motion 1: To work in conjunction with the Rindge Conservation Commission to create a curriculum centered program using the 100 Acre School Board Property. Passed. Motion 2: To develop a partnership with the Villi Pony Farm to promote conservation and education in Jaffrey. Passed.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.