

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices February 28, 2018

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Serra Gauthier, Ann Marie Furnival, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter, Nora Barton Bryant, Tom Rothermel, Patricia Weiner

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM.

II. The Conservation Commission wishes to express its gratitude to Cush Moore for his help and support.

III. The minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved.

IV. Financial Review – CDG presented a spreadsheet.

V. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – Permission has been granted to limit the exit onto Nutting Road to right turns only. The town will provide a No Left Turn sign. The culvert on LeTourneau Road is not likely to be installed before the hydrant is flushed. Tom Lambert or Andy Baronowski of the Water Dept. should be contacted about dispersing the flow from the hydrant. Informational signs (hours of use, rules) need to be fabricated. Steve's Lettering, Walt's Signs and the Corrections Dept. are all possible sources.

B. Open Space – The Open Space Sub-Committee met at BG's on Feb. 15. The next meeting will take place March 7, 7 PM at BG's.

- We would like to work more closely with the Monadnock Conservancy, being part of their local efforts, being recognized when we have contributed, and participating in their celebrations.
- We would like to host a social event for prospective easement candidates and those who already have easements. Potential invitees will be identified using tax maps and current easement maps.
- We would like to include the Villi Ponies as symbols of conservation. Celebrations of new easements and Riverfest are good opportunities, as is National Heritage Species Week (May 20-26) when Villi Pony will have an event at their farm.

The ConComm would sponsor a student or scout trip to the Villi Pony event. SG will make a proposal at the PTO meeting to gauge interest. We are also seeking "heritage" plant seeds to distribute.

VI. New Business

A. Town Meeting – CDG asked Cush to speak on behalf of the Warrant article for the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund (LACRF) should it be necessary.

B. Education – A sub-committee met on Feb. 22 to discuss options for presentations. The ConComm will host a program from Project Coyote on April 14, 7PM at the Civic Center, and a presentation from Matt Tarr on young forest habitat and songbirds on May 10, 7PM at the Civic Center. Volunteers sought for publicity campaign.

C. Upcoming Events – Voting Day March 13; Town Meeting March 17; Saving Special Places April 7, Alton, NH.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2018, 7PM at the Town Offices.

