

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices April 25, 2018

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, William Graf, Kathy Batchelder, Pam Armstrong, Charles Koch, Ann Marie Furnival, Scribe

Regrets: Nora Barton Bryant, Nan Eiter, Serra Gauthier, Michael George, Patricia T Weiner, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Tom Rothermel

Select Board Representative: Bonnie Mitchell (could not attend)

1. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes of March 28 meeting were approved
3. Financial Review: Information presented
4. Introduction of members of the Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association: CLAPA: Carolyn West, Karin Goldstein, Warren Harris, Jim Grier to discuss mission of the association.

Health of the lake was the main topic and its milfoil infestation. Attendance at the meeting was to discuss possibility of funding from Jaffrey ConComm to assist in defraying costs of milfoil eradication. Since Contoocook Lake borders both Jaffrey and Rindge, members of CLAPA would also be meeting with Rindge Conservation Commission to discuss possible funding from that organization. While the association has open membership at dues set at \$55, help is still needed to fund efforts against milfoil.

5. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA: clearing new trails, wetland crossings to consist of boardwalk and small bridges. Trail markers would be placed along pond.

B. Open Space:

1. Tax map showing properties under review in Jaffrey to ask owners to consider open space status.
2. National Heritage Species Week (May 20-26) at Vill Pony Farm. Eighty packets of heritage seed have been put together to hand out during that event. Also discussed invasive species display and endangered species display. Volunteers needed for that event.

C. Education : ConComm hosted a program from Project Coyote at the Civic Center. In spite of the bad weather, it was well attended. The program was very informative.

Next program will be on May 10 from 7-8PM at the Civic Center. Topic: 'Young Forest Habitat'. Presenter : Matt Tarr

Also it was pointed out that a designated Education committee has to be set up to take care of the presentations. Publicity: entailing press release and posters, set-up at venue, and clean up after events must be done by an established sub-committee.

D. Planning Board: PBA voted to eliminate impact fees on new construction.

E. ZBA Maria Dr project: Land contouring to divert water from proposed development and not affect wetlands.

F. Mail: Carolyn received a letter from Monadnock Conservancy regarding :“Easement Land: Owner’s Survey..

Next meeting: May 23 2018. Representatives from the NH Conservation Committee Association will be attending. Amanda Stone, Executive Director and Barbara Richter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM