

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices December 6, 2017

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

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Nora Barton Bryant, Ann Marie Furnival, Michael George, Tom Rothermel

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM.

II. The minutes of the October 25 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review – The Conservation Commission has spent \$6,130.47 to date. Approved donations toward the purchase of land by the Monadnock Conservancy have not gone through, pending the completion of their funding process.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – CK contacted fabricator Ken Howe regarding the manufacture of two gates. Mr. Howe can make and install the gates for \$1,500 apiece. Painting can be done by us, or for a fee. Installation should be delayed until the Nutting Road parking area has been leveled, and the culvert has been installed at Letourneau Road. Motion: To approve the purchase of two gates from Ken Howe at a cost of \$3,000, to be installed after the pre-conditions have been satisfied. Passed.

B. CPCA – CK contacted Vegetation Control Service regarding buckthorn management. Their letter outlining the proposal, including costs and products, is attached. Given our mission of watershed protection, the decision to use glyphosate cannot be taken lightly. NB and SG will research other management techniques for our next meeting.

C. ZBA & Planning Board – Nothing pertinent to the Conservation Commission.

E. Mail – CDG and BG communicated with a potential purchaser of a Gilmore Pond Rd. property who wished to modify a dam.

V. New Business

A. Organic lawn treatments for town – CDG was informed by Jon Frederick that this would cost an additional \$1,600.

B. CNBRLAC – A request was made for Jaffrey to contribute \$130 to the cost of monitoring the river. Motion: To donate \$130 to Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local advisory Committee. Passed.

C. LACRF – A request be submitted in the Warrant Article for the funding of the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund. Motion: To request \$5,000 in the Warrant Article.
Passed

D. Education – SG contacted Eyes on Owls. Their fee is \$495 for one hour, plus travel, or \$795 for two shows, plus travel. The two show package usually includes one show for younger children, with the second targeting teens and adults. They are currently booking into April. SG believes partnering with the PTO would split the cost. FMB suggested speaking to Julie Perrin about other programs.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2018, 7PM at the Town Offices.