

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices January 23, 2019

Present: Carolyn D Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Serra Gauthier, Michael George, Bill Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Bonnie Mitchell, Select Board Member

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM. Tory McCagg and Carl Querfurth have met with members of the standing Energy Committee and additional interested parties in an effort to transition the town from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. The goal is to work toward a “resilient and sustainable future.” They are meeting with other Energy Committees in the area to learn from them and to forge a regional alliance. The protection and preservation of local aquifers is an area of particular interest to the ConComm. It was suggested that the Committee participate in the Greenerborough Fair at the beginning of May to publicize their efforts. ConComm members are invited to attend the next meeting, Jan. 31, 5:30 PM at Tim Gordon’s house.

Aaron Wechsler of Aspen Environmental Consultants presented his plans on behalf of his client, Mr. Krouk of 481 Thorndike Pond Road. Mr. Wechsler explained that Mr. Krouk intended to use the lakeside cottage on weekends, while renting/lending the main house. The creation of the path and second beach were to provide access to the water from the main house. Mr. Krouk is dismayed by the manner in which the work on the property was done, and is making a good faith effort to restore the damage. Mr. Wechsler’s plan returns the old beach to its original size, restores vegetative cover to disturbed areas, installs an appropriately sized holding tank in a better location, and fills the ditch adjacent to the drive. Most State permits have been obtained, though Town variances and special exceptions need to be obtained before work can progress. Mr. Wechsler expects to present his plans to the ZBA in March. BG will write a letter expressing ConComm support for the Wetlands permit.

II. The minutes of the December 5 meeting were approved.

III. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – CK has created a trail map and proposed signage. EW will research the manufacture of metal signs for each parking area.

B. Nora Barton Bryant Memorial Bench – The ConComm has collected \$500.00 for the purchase of the bench. MG will research appropriate benches. ConComm will notify the family upon installation.

C. Education – The Library/ ConComm Joint Programs on Bees were respectfully attended. The next one is scheduled for Feb. 23, 1:30 PM at the Library.

The ConComm will participate in the Newfoundland Pony Sanctuary Open Farm Day, May 25. The emphasis of the outdoor tour will be on concepts of conservation. The ConComm will provide certificates and pins for participants. The next meeting will be Feb. 13 at Emily Aho’s.

ConComm hopes to work with Sam Jaffe, The Caterpillar Man, on programming at the Meeting House and/or with Jaffrey Rec this summer.

D. Grey Goose – Site monitoring did not take place in 2018. To be scheduled for spring.

V. New Business

A. Rescheduling of ConComm Meetings – Motion: To change Jaffrey Conservation Commission meetings to the third Wednesday of each month. Approved.

B. Town Report – Will be drafted and submitted.

C. NH Coverts Program – Applications are now being accepted for the May session.

D. ConComm party has been re-scheduled for March 2.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 7PM at the Town Offices. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.