

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices January 15, 2020

Present: Carolyn D Garretson, Chair, Aaron Abitz, Pam Armstrong, Serra Gauthier, Bill Graf, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Select Board Member: Kevin Chamberlain

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Jim Bearce, Michael George, Charles Koch,

I. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

II. Minutes of December 11 approved.

III. Financial Review – Awaiting further information.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Earth Day 2020 – CDG sent a copy of a Proclamation in advance of the meeting. The text will be changed to reflect the Select Board as the readers.

CDG met with the Conant Activities Director, Heather Linstad, the point person for the schools. Then, Lou Casagrande and Stephanie Niemela met with her and other school personnel and made a list of suggestions. The list includes:

Parade on April 18 from St. Pats to the Gazebo. The road can only be closed for 10 minutes. CDG has completed the application form with a 10 AM start time. Prizes for best parade costumes.

Road race by track team 1 mile on Main Street with prizes for time as well as best costume.

Student contest for water bottle design

Separate assemblies MS/HS - time allowed approx 1 hr 4/22/2020

Needed:

Motto. Based on the theme of What's So Special About Jaffrey? "Home of the Mountain, Source of the River" and "Keep Jaffrey Cool" have been suggested. SG proposes High School essay contest to determine the motto.

Main speakers at the end of the parade. Requested student speakers already.

Library participation: costume workshops, tote bag sewing?

Business participation: decorated windows, donations?

Food. AA will speak to area farmers about making some local food available.

Permission. Eversource will donate trees to be planted on municipal land, possibly on 4/18. Potential locations required. Eversource will also be handing out tree seedlings. Our thanks to Kevin, and to Eversource for this opportunity.

B. CPCA – SG has provided CDG with a contact who may help with funding. AA will provide a Cub Scout contact to CK and BG to help with labor.

C. Archives – The ConComm will meet at 6 PM on March 18 to spend an hour on the files before the regular monthly meeting.

D. ZBA – Approval was given for the expansion of the animal clinic on River St.

E. PB – Enquiries were made about re-purposing St. Patrick's as a youth recreation center, with apartments and a daycare in the stone house.

F. Mail/email – CDG received notification of a dredge and fill permit for a collapsing culvert on Dublin Road.

V. New Business – CDG has prepared the Warrant Article and the Annual Report for Town Meeting. The ConComm is grateful to her for her fine work.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 7PM at the Town Offices.