

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices February 19, 2020

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

Regrets: Jim Bearce, Bill Graf

Guest: Heather Linstad, Activities Director for SAU 47

I. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Heather Linstad was introduced.

A. Earth Day 2020— Heather has been participating in the Earth Day 2020 meetings (Notes from Feb. 17 are appended below). Heather has acted as the liaison between the ConComm and the various constituent parts of the school: she has spoken to the Student Council about speeches, to the Art Teachers about murals, to the Elementary Teachers about children in the parade, to Marching Band Club leaders about playing, and to coaches about managing the road race. Heather reports that a student is interested in pursuing the process of approval before painting a mural, and that the teachers and students have already done a great deal of work which can be presented for the Earth Day celebration. Heather is seeking a \$300.00 donation to the Marching Band, in order that they may buy new uniforms. Kevin will ask EverSource if they are interested in making that donation.

Motion: In the event that EverSource is unable or unwilling to provide \$300.00 to benefit the Marching Band, the ConComm will provide the funds through other donations or by allocation. Approved.

Aaron has solo and duet musicians willing to play at the gazebo without charge. Carolyn has engaged Dr. Catherine Koning, professor of Environmental Science, as a speaker. Fran will pursue a PA system for the music and speeches. Kevin has asked EverSource for 200 tree seedlings to distribute to parade participants, plus two larger trees to be planted on Town property, either the Library lawn or near the Middle School. Thank you, Kevin!

Fran found Bee and Butterfly Pollinator packets for sale through FEDCO at 100 for \$150.00.

Motion: To purchase 200 pollinator packets, at a cost of \$300.00 for distribution to parade participants. Approved.

Elizabeth offered milkweed for planting.

Barbara Richter of NHACC has asked Carolyn to provide details of Jaffrey's celebration, to post information on the website.

B. CPCA – Hutch Hutchinson has said his scouts are able to help with the boardwalks. More when weather permits. Charlie is going to contact the FPU football team to see if they are interested.

C. Education – Aaron has been in contact with Vicki Brown of Pollinator Pathways. The ConComm would like to present the program in the Meetinghouse, so the proposed May or June dates would be best. Aaron will follow up. The Library asked for maps of Children's Woods for their Eco Literacy program.

D. Mail – Notice received of permits already granted. A plan for the proposed Barton Bryant development was received for information only. No variance is required for the current plan.

II. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 6PM at the Town Offices. **NOTE EARLY START to work on ConComm files.**

Earth Day 2020, April 18 Event
3rd Meeting Notes
February 17, 2020

Present: Aaron Abitz, Pam Armstrong, Carolyn Garretson, "Hutch" Hutchinson, Heather Linstad, Fran McBride, Stephanie Porter, Elizabeth Webster

The working title/theme is "KEEP JAFFREY COOL"

1. Student participation— Heather has spoken to the Student Council about speeches, and participation in the parade. She will be going to Staff Meetings this week to try to get the teachers on board.
2. Road Race 10 AM— The track coach will take responsibility for organizing and publicizing the race. It is open to everyone, with registration fees that favor families. Costumes are encouraged, with prizes. Discussed the registrants' "gift" for participation: tee shirts are often distributed, and Heather knows of some HS girls who are keen to design one; CCCD tree/bush seedlings (from FEDCO) were also considered. Fran will follow up, to see if the delivery date of April 25 is firm.
3. Parade — The children (and parents?) will follow the runners. Project Shakespeare would like to join. Heather suggests they make a float. Judges will be needed for the costumes.
4. Music — The HS Marching Band will march in the parade, and continue to play at the Gazebo until speeches begin. They have asked for a \$300.00 donation towards new uniforms.
5. Speeches — Frank Sterling will read the Jaffrey Proclamation. Aaron believes that student speeches or essays are appropriate for a youth-based event, but they need to be solicited immediately. No one from the Harris Center is available as a speaker.
6. Food - Street and Savory will be located in front of the Police Station. Stephanie will ask them if there is anyone else they can recommend.
7. Informational Tables- Eversource will be offering tree seedlings. Local farmers will have tables with CSA sign up, the Scouts will have a table providing information and seeking sponsors for the Monadnock clean-up campaign. We will continue to seek educational displays on composting, biochar, worm raising, sustainable building, solar installation, permaculture, beekeeping, etc.
8. Business Participation & Support — We are seeking funding support for the band, monetary and material contributions for costumes and floats, payment for tee shirts and/or seedlings.
9. PR- The Facebook page is up. The Road Race registration will be linked to it for cross-traffic.

Next Meeting March 2, 2:00 PM at TEAM Jaffrey Offices.