Jaffrey Conservation Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes Sept. 16, 2020

Present: Carolyn Garretson (chair), Aaron Abitz, Serra Gauthier, Bill Graf, Charlie Koch, Fran McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Kevin Chamberlain (Select Board Rep.)

Absent: Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, Jim Bearce, Michael George

- I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The August meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, on Zoom because of the Covid19 directives. Notice was posted more than twenty-four hours in advance at the Jaffrey Municipal Building and the Town of Jaffrey website
- II. The Minutes of July 27 and August 19 were approved.
- III. Financial Review. The payment of \$815.00 to Apollo Steel for the pair of gates for Children's Woods/Carey Park has been processed.
- IV. Nora's Bench. The installation has the bench a bit above grade. AA estimates that half a yard of loam and some grass seed should take care of the problem until other plantings can be made. BG has offered to spread and contour the loam, and seed it once AA has delivered it.
- V. CPCA. The gate at LeTourneau Road is too high to stop ATVs. CK will speak to the fabricator to see if there is any way to modify it. BG has added trail markers to bridge any gaps in sight lines. The homeowner has expressed interest in becoming a Friend of CPCA.
- VI. Signage for the pollinator gardens. According to the Select Board, the zoning ordinance does not apply to non-commercial, apolitical signs on town land, nor to signs placed with the landowner's permission on private property.
- VII. ZBA. Nathan Flowers has submitted a proposal for his backyard which is acceptable. CDG will notify him. Permission was granted for the construction of a screened porch addition within the shoreland set back.

VIII. New Business

- 1. Annett Road modifications are being revisited. Building requires that the road be accessible to fire engines: sixteen feet wide. The culvert also appears to be problematic.
- 2. Greylock Properties has submitted plans for a development. Although no variances have been sought to pursue construction within wetlands set backs, there are designated wetlands on each of the proposed lots.
- 3. Recycling. The ConComm has been asked to support the improvement of the recycling program at the Transfer Station. AA, CDG, and EW have volunteered to act as representatives.
- 4. Donation. Frank Sterling has offered forsythia from his property. AA will plant anything Frank is willing to dig out.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM. Next scheduled meeting should be October 21 at 7PM.