

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices June 26, 2017

Present: William Graf, Charles Koch, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Regrets: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Francis McBride, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Absent: Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter, Patricia Weiner

Guest: Bob Aho, 11 Sunset Lane, abutter to Belletete's

I. The meeting convened 7:10 PM. Mr. Aho was introduced.

Mr. Aho came to express his concern regarding the proposed expansion of Belletete's. He discussed existing drainage problems and their potential exacerbation, given the proposal as it now stands. Mr. Aho provided a copy of the letter he has sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

There are several wetland areas that will be affected by the changes, as well as the expectation of increased run-off which will feed into the Contoocook River. A question was raised about the intended location of the automotive repair shed, as the current one is to be demolished.

The ConComm has been asked to comment on the plan, but cannot responsibly do so in the absence of a Wetland Scientist's report or a plan for stormwater management, which were requested of Mr. Kevan at the May 24 meeting.

II. The minutes of the May 24 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review: deferred

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Forest Management Proposal – Commission members walked the proposed loop trail CK marked in the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA). Work parties will need to be organized to clear the trail in sections. Approval of a buckthorn mitigation program will be sought at the next meeting. Spraying of the approximately ten acres of buckthorn, would cost \$300-\$350/acre. Ideally, spraying should take place in September. A decision also needs to be made regarding the cutting or natural decay of the pine canopy. Members received copies of the CPCA Forest Management Plan.

The tree stands left up need to be removed. BG will contact Jon Frederick so that Fish and Game can be notified.

The Carey Park/Children's Woods evaluation has been completed. Cutting the marketable timber will provide funds and improve the view. CK proposes an ad hoc

outdoor meeting to walk the property.

B. CPCA – The Commission members believe the parking spaces currently available at Letourneau Road would be adequate if cleaned up, gated, and with signage restricting parking to daylight hours and for visitors to CPCA. A gate would also be installed at the Nutting Rd. entrance. The Nutting Road entrance needs to have the corners located. Motion: To hire Jed Paquin to identify the boundaries at the Nutting Road entrance of CPCA. Passed.

C. Sidewalks – The Complete Streets Initiative will present its suggestions to the Planning Board on July 11.

D. Open Space – BG plans to highlight the Open Space Committee at Riverfest with additional maps and brochures.

E. Environthon – The Jaffrey-Rindge Envirothon Team placed 1st in NH, and will be travelling to Maryland to compete. Motion: To donate \$1,000.00 to the Conant High School Envirothon Team to support their participation in the competition. Passed.

F. ZBA and Planning Board – Members are urged to attend the July 5 ZBA meeting and July 11 Planning Board meeting concerning the proposed Belletete's expansion.

G. Mail – Mr. Hamlin of Gilmore Pond Rd. has begun construction of a treehouse on the pond shoreline. He has been informed the necessary procedures, but no application has yet been received for approval by the ConComm. The sand beach on Cheshire Pond has been completed and has been brought into compliance. The Town will be repairing Gilmore Pond Rd. near the Great Rd. intersection, and has filed a wetlands notification.

V. New Business

A. Calendar – Riverfest Committee needs to prepare for the July 29 event. Members are urged to volunteer. Villi Ponies will be on hand. ConComm is providing refreshments for the Amos Fortune Forum July 14, featuring Villi Ponies.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.