

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

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

Absent: Kathy Batchelder, Serra Gauthier, Michael George

Guest: Herb Gramm

I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The May meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair, who read the Governor's Statement regarding online meetings.

II. The Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

III. Nora's Bench. BG's proposed planting of two lilacs adjacent to the bench has led to a reassessment of the its placement on the Library lawn. The Library, whose property is under its own management, has asked that the bench and plantings be gifted to the Library but maintained the Conservation Commission for a period of two years. There is a concern that since the monies were donated to the Conservation Commission for Nora's memorial, the memorial should not be gifted to another entity. An additional concern was that the memorial could be removed by the Library after that time. Motion: To remove the bench from the Library lawn, and a sub-committee be formed to identify a new location. Passed (5-3-1)

IV. Ongoing

A. CPCA. CK, JB, BG, and FMcB and Marc who is a volunteer from Hancock, have continued to work on bridges, building a new one each week. CK hopes for completion by the end of June. More materials may be needed, TBD.

Children's Woods/ Carey Park. JB and BG are meeting with the school group 5/20. They are putting up the QR codes, and some branches have been cleared from the trails. As soon as the new trail markers arrive, they will be mounted.

B. Nutting Road Bridge. CDG has spoken with Ann McBride about Carey Park. The Monadnock Conservancy needs to know the intent of the Outing Club in giving the property to the Town (1972). It is hoped that a search through the Minutes of Select Board meetings of years surrounding 1971 will provide that information.

C. Education Programs. Matt Tarr will present a multi-part outdoor program on June 5, 9am-12 at Carolyn's property.

D. ZBA. EW made a site visit to Thorndike Pond regarding shoreline protection. The Thorndike Pond Association has asked to attend the meeting when the DES application is reviewed.

E. PB. Subdivision of David Bliss property on Gilmore Pond Road. One lot will require a number of variances.

F. Grey Goose. BG and EW performed a site visit on 5/13. Some trees and brush have been cleared from along walls, and garden areas have been tilled. No other work has been done. The Robinsons have not replied to a letter from BG. He will re-send it Certified Mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Next scheduled meeting should be June 16 at 7PM.