

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021

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

Absent: Aaron Abitz, Kathy Batchelder, Serra Gauthier, Michael George

Guest: Dr. Robert Goodby

I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair. Dr. Goodby, of the Department of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce University, was introduced.

Dr. Goodby presented information about Native American archaeological sites in this vicinity. He is seeking permission to excavate a parcel on Contoocook Lake owned by the Town, and would like the endorsement of the Conservation Commission. Motion: To grant permission for Dr. Goodby of Franklin Pierce University to conduct testing for Native American archaeological sites on the land owned by the Town of Jaffrey. Passed.

II. The Minutes of the May and June meetings were approved.

III. Financial Review. \$100 has been donated to the Conservation Commission in honor of Bill Graf. He would like those funds to be used to build bench/es in CPCA.

Ongoing

A. CPCA. Construction of walkways and bog bridges was completed on July 17, just before a storm dislodged many of the structures. CK, JB, BG and FMB will be walking through to evaluate the damage. Gratitude and appreciation for their work to make the property accessible.

B. Riverfest. July 31 between 10- 2, Conservation Commission pop-up on Blake St. Dr. Goodby will be speaking on the Archeological history of the Contoocook River at 11:00.

C. Nutting Road Bridge. The storm has severely damaged the bridge. Unfortunately, the materials for repair will not be available for some time.

D. Education Programs. CDG proposes Dr. Goodby as a speaker. Venue TBD.

E. Website. SG sent links to members for their input. The links have been added to the website. Thanks for the good work!

F. Pollinators. EW proposed giving pollinator garden signs to anyone around town fitting the description. Please notify her of any candidates. She will contact the owners and deliver signs.

New Business

A. Handbooks. New Handbooks for Municipal Conservation Commissions are available. CDG will order five.

B. Reimagining Jaffrey Committee. Envisioning and planning design for downtown Jaffrey after the rotary is built. The working group will be comprised of members from Town Boards and Commissions, with some at-large members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be August 18 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.