Jaffrey Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 20, 2021

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

Absent: Kathy Batchelder, Jim Bearce, Michael George

Guest: David Peragallo

Meeting convened at 7PM. The meeting took place at the Jaffrey Town Offices. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Financial Review: CDG awaiting information on LUCT transfers. A request for \$275.00 has been received for NHACC Membership dues for 2022. Motion: Pay annual dues of \$275.00. Passed

Fran McBride has requested a change from Member to Alternate status. David Peragallo has submitted a request to join the Conservation Commission. Motion: To accept David Peragallo as a member of the Conservation Commission, pending approval by the Select Board. Passed.

Ongoing

A. CPCA. Work at CPCA has concluded for the year. All structures have been repositioned. There may be some additional construction next year: a viewing platform and possibly another bog bridge. BG would like to use the donations received from the Gramms and his son to construct Aldo Leopold benches. A site walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 at 1:00, meeting at LeTourneau Dr.

B. Children's Woods/ Carey Park. CK's Forest Management Plan, as well as all deeds, etc. have been provided to Jed Paquin to assist in the creation of a survey. The cost of this survey is as yet unknown.

C. Town Forest Easements. The Town owns three parcels: a small lot on Fitzwilliam Rd., a small lot on Lacey Rd., and a large lot on the mountain. CK has spoken with Ann McBride, who says they are backlogged, but would be interested when their consideration was possible. SPNHF might also hold the easement. CK, FMB, CDG, BG to follow up.

D. Nutting Road Bridge. KC reports that FEMA funds will be available, with the Town contributing 20%. The permiting is expected to go well into 2022, with construction in 2023.

The LeTourneau Road bridge will be constructed in 2022 with FEMA assistance. In order to provide access during construction, a third lane will be needed.

E. Education Programs. Dr. Goodby's excavations continue to produce. It has already become too cold to use the Meetinghouse for a presentation.

F. Re-imagining Jaffrey. EMW attended orientation meeting. KC reminds us that engineering on the project has just begun, that plans are not expected to be completed until 2023, with bids sought at the end of that year, and construction begun in 2024.

Demolition of the fire-damaged portion of W.W. Cross to start immediately under aegis of EPA. Scope of work to be determined.

New Business

CDG and BG visited the site of the Carey Park septic construction, and found silting in the wetlands and the stream. They are filing a complaint with DES. CK is available to assist with the forms.

Town Land Maintenance. AA sent a note that the Goodnow St. Garden has been neglected. The Howard Park tree has been replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Next scheduled meeting is November 17, 2021 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.