

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021

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

Absent: Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, Michael George, Fran McBride
Guests: Herb Gramm

I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The January meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 20, 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 December's meeting were approved.

III. A Year-End Budget Report is being prepared.

The Annual Report and LACRF warrant have been prepared and submitted for Town Meeting.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Possible goals/projects for 2021

- Reclassification of Carey Road, between the sewer access and the Rail Trail, as a Class B Trail. This requires a letter to the Select Board and to be brought to Town Meeting in 2022. Motion: To send a letter seeking this reclassification. Approved. Sherwin Hill Road should also be reclassified because of drainage impact on the Squantum Well. An ad hoc sub-committee will meet KC for a site visit. Motion: This ad hoc sub-committee is empowered to submit a letter of support for the Sherwin Hill re-classification, should they determine the need.
- Placing Carey Park in an easement, including the wetlands currently in Forest Park. Monadnock Conservancy needs to be persuaded to expand beyond Children's Woods, and administrative costs need to be calculated.
- Signage and barriers on rail trail to disallow motorized vehicles.
- Nora's bench plantings will be taken care of by BG.
- Website development requires clearer vision of intent, willing developer, and funds.
- Monitoring Grey Goose might be done with a drone. AA has access to a drone operator.
- CPCA construction of trails, bridges; additional signage there and in Children's Woods.
- Conant Wellness program involves QR codes and better trail marking. SG will liaise, BG and JB also interested in participating.
- Educational programs: Saving Special Places online April 9.
- Transfer station improvements in re-cycling and composting.
- Con Comm Memberships requiring renewal: PA, BG, CK, FMcB, EW. CDG earnestly seeking replacement as chair.

B. ZBA upheld their decision on the shoreline construction.

C. PB is proposing to allow in-fill building on town water and sewer. Up to eight units would be permitted if work-force housing is planned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next scheduled meeting should be February 17 at 7PM.