

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices July 26, 2017

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, William Graf, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Charles Koch, Francis McBride

Guests: Serra Gauthier; Bud Taylor, new owner of DeGrandpre property

I. The meeting convened 7:04 PM. Mr. Taylor introduced himself.

Mr. Taylor has recently purchased the DeGrandpre property on Gilmore Pond Road. He asked to be put on next month's agenda to introduce himself and to talk about his plans for the property.

II. The minutes of the June 26 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review – In the period between January and June 2017 the following payments were made: To Charles Koch, \$1,640.00 for the creation of a Forest Management Plan for CPCA; to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, \$120.00 for the conference; to the Harris Center, \$100.00 for the Vernal Pools Presentation; to the Jaffrey Civic Center, \$50.00 rental fee for same; to Camp Wildwood, \$550.00 for Jaffrey student scholarship.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – On recommendation from Cush Moore and approval at last month's meeting, CDG has arranged with Jed Paquin for the two entrances to the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA) to be surveyed and flagged.

The need for gates and signage is pressing, as there is evidence of night-time usage. Metal signs from the Concord Correctional Facility will be investigated. In the meantime, a sign will be posted in the kiosk. The tree stands do not need to be removed.

B. Forest Management, Carey Park – Charles Koch requests a meeting to discuss the management options for Children's Woods and Carey Park. Tentatively scheduled for Aug. 15 at Charlie's house.

C. Complete Streets – The Complete Streets Resolution was passed by the Planning Board and by the Select Board.

D. Open Space Committee – The Amos Fortune Forum joint event was well attended, raising awareness of both the Open Space Project and the Villi Poni Farm.

BG & CDG will provide pony pictures, the Open Space map, and materials from the

Monadnock Conservancy for Riverfest.

E. Riverfest – July 29th: 9:30- 11:00 Carolyn, Tom, Bill; 11:00-12:30 Bill; 12:30- 2:00 Nan; 2:00- 3:30 Carolyn, Elizabeth, Serra. Ponies to be adjacent. A request has been made for enclosure panels for the ponies to use at Conservation Commission events. Motion: the Conservation Commission will provide \$220.00 to purchase four enclosure panels for the use of Villi Poni and the Conservation Commission at joint events. Passed.

F. CNBRLAC – The pH meter used for river monitoring required repair, at a cost of \$120.00 to be shared by CNBRLAC and the Rindge Con Comm. Motion: To pay \$120.00 for the repair of the pH meter, with \$60.00 to be reimbursed by CNBRLAC and \$30.00 to be reimbursed by the Rindge Conservation Commission. Passed.

G. Mail – CDG received notification from SPNHF regarding trail construction and repair at 116 Poole Rd.

H. ZBA and Planning Board – The Con Comm was well represented at the ZBA and Planning Board meetings and deliberation sessions. It is believed that the plans do not adequately accommodate storm water run-off. Motion: The Jaffrey Conservaiton Commission objects to the July 5th ZBA decisions on the proposed Belletete's expansion and will make an appeal. Passed. However, information received on 07/28/17 from Steve Buckley at the New Hampshire Municipal Association, clarified that the only town body that has authority to file an appeal of a ZBA decision is the Select Board (RSA 677:2). Therefore, if the Conservation Commission wished to pursue an appeal, it would be incumbent upon them to approach the Select Board and ask them to file an appeal, in the name of the Select Board and next Select Board meeting is scheduled after the deadline to appeal will have passed. At the next meeting a motion to rescind this motion will be entertained.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. The next meeting will be held on August 23, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.