

Jaffrey Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2023

Present: Carolyn Garretson (Chair), Tom Ahlborn-Tsu, Pam Armstrong, Jim Bearce, Bill Graf, Charlie Koch, Fran McBride, David Peragallo, Elizabeth Webster, Kevin Chamberlain (Select Board Rep.)

Absent: Aaron Abitz, Kathy Batchelder, Michael George

Regrets: Serra Gauthier

1. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place at the Jaffrey Town Offices.

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair.

2. Minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

3. Financial Review. The ConComm received \$8,530 from LUCT in 2022.

4. Ongoing

A. Natural Resources Inventory. Members voted to rank NRI components as provided by Jeff Littleton. The most important sub-topics were also identified.

I. Land Use: 1) Conservation and public lands 2) Land use and land cover 3) Zoning and tax parcels

II. Water Resources: 1) Watersheds 2) Aquifers 3) Wetlands

III. Habitats and Wildlife: 1) Significant biodiversity areas 2) Forest and core forest habitat

IV. Cultural resources: Equal votes for Scenic views and Recreation

V. Physical setting: Soil survey

VI. Climate: Special flood hazard areas (under Water Resources) referenced here

B. Jaffrey 250th. A Calendar of Events has been published without the ConComm sponsored events in April. A flyer highlighting those events will have to be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized. In the planning: four hikes, Salamander Crossing, Trail Games, a presentation by Suzy Spikol. KC has gotten approval for a tree to be donated by Ever-source, with Red Oak suggested by CK as reliably long-lived. KC will ask Arborist Bob Allen about speaking in conjunction with the planting on April 17.

C. Earth Day. EW will send information regarding a movie/ panel discussion about plastics, with the Civic Center proposed as venue.

DP asks that Earth Day be dedicated to celebrating the Earth.

D. CPCA. The major construction is completed, making CPCA a functional recreation area. Some material remains available for smaller projects. Clean up of fallen branches should be an annual, scheduled, event.

E. Children's Woods. ARM Grant awarded elsewhere. Plans for transfer of the easement set aside for lack of funding.

F. Mail. DES sent a letter to 482 Gilmore Pond Rd. for the construction of a retaining wall within the shoreland buffer, without permission.

5. New Business

A. The Community Power Committee seeks participation in the survey on the Town website, and in the Public Hearings/ Information Sessions at the Firehouse on Feb. 1st (10 AM) and 13th (6 PM).

B. Carolyn Garretson announced her relinquishment of the Chair ASAP. She will remain a member of the Commission.

Charles Koch tendered his resignation from the Commission.

Our thanks for over a decade of leadership, hard work, and persistence. Your roles will be difficult to fill.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2023 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.