

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023

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

Absent: Aaron Abitz, Kathy Batchelder, Michael George,

Guests: Jeff Littleton, Moosewood Ecological Services

1. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair.
Jeff Littleton introduced.

Natural Resources Inventory. Based upon the 2009 NRI, Jeff Littleton offered several levels of data collection and presentation. He believes that a greater level of data, especially when combined with a tax map overlay, would be more useful to the Town as a whole, enabling ZBA and Planning to reference the attributes of specific parcels under consideration. Parcel-based maps (e.g. Agricultural Resources, Water Resources) can provide an assessment to clarify significance and to assist with mitigation planning. Conservation Focus maps identify highest priority areas for overlapping resource protection. He believes that a better understanding of wetlands, groundwater, wildlife habitats, biodiversity, and unfragmented lands can inform recommendations and decisions made by the Conservation Commission and aid in the creation of a long-term Conservation Plan. While the majority of the work would be done using existing layers of data, some field work would be necessary to verify critical information. Jeff will be sending a range of proposals, outlining our options and associated costs.

2. Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

3. Financial Review deferred.

4. Ongoing

A. Children's Woods/Carey Park. New England Wildlife Trust (NEWT) contacted CDG, expressing a desire to continue the process of placing an easement on the entire property. In the past they have offered to obtain grant procurement to pay costs. Motion: To continue discussions with NEWT regarding the development and funding of an easement on Children's Woods/ Carey Park. Approved.

B. ZBA. Millepore has withdrawn its application for a chemical transfer area.

C. PB. Medefab property owner is seeking to combine several small lots. Some parts fall within the wellhead protection area.

D. Jaffrey 250th. Motion: To approve expenditures not to exceed \$2,200.00 for the activities of April 2023, as outlined below.

4/6 Dr. Robert Goodby: Digging into Native American History in the Monadnock area; 6:30 pm Civic Center (NH Humanities will pay costs)

4/7 Susie Spikol and Jamie Hutchinson: Owl Prowl; 6:30 pm Jaquith Rd., limited to 20 registrations through the Harris Center (\$100)

4/8- 4/19 Two guided hikes/ walks. Schedule TBD

4/20 Phil Brown: Raptors in NH 6:30 pm Civic Center (\$100)

4/22 Pollinator Seed Distribution on the Commons: Daytime. Michele Tremblay: NH Rivers Council Film Festival; 6-8:30 pm Park Theatre (\$1600. Donations requested)

4/27 Matt Scaccia: History of Mt. Monadnock and the Forest Society; 6:30 Civic Center (\$_____)

4/28 Robert Allen, Arborist: Planting for the Future; Semiquincentennial Commemorative Oak planting, Meeting House, Time TBD

Other ConComm sponsored activity: Float with trees, bushes, pollinator plants, children dressed as pollinators; 8/19.

E. Mail/Email. DES has not received the requested documents from the Grandview.

5. New Business

Proposal to reassign tasks previously undertaken by the Chair. Corresponding Secretary: Fran McBride, Treasurer: Carolyn Garretson, Chair: Tom Ahlborn-Hsu. Motion: To accept the slate of officers. Approved.

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM. Next scheduled meeting is March 15, 2023 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.