

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices September 27, 2017

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Nan Beiter, Serra Gauthier, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Michael George, Tom Rothermel, Patricia Weiner

Guests: Ann Marie Furnival; Conant High School Envirothon Team Members and Ms. Clark-Kevan; Joe and Theresa Assunto

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM. Ms. Clark-Kevan and the Envirothon Team were introduced. The team provided an explanation of the competition and showed slides of their trip to Maryland for the finals. The ConComm is proud of these young people, and happy to have supported their efforts.

II. The minutes of the August 23 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review – The Camp Starfish scholarship exceeded the amount of the Town Line by \$75.00. Motion to reimburse the Town \$75.00 from the General Fund: Passed.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – Poor line of sight makes exiting the Nutting Road entrance dangerous. Parking could be facilitated by limiting egress to right turns only. A DOT Form seeking permission will be submitted by CDG.

Joe and Theresa Assunto are abutters to the LeTourneau Rd. entrance. They expressed concern that an enlarged parking area and improved signage might lead to heavy use and reduced privacy. They were satisfied with the scale of the proposed project.

A sub-committee will meet October 9 at 7 PM at CDG's to draft parking plans for both entrances.

B. Forest Management, Carey Park –In order to log the property, the current Class VI road would require extensive improvement. Re-classification of the road as a Class A Trail would protect this investment. Conversations with Jon Frederick, the only abutter, and with the Select Board are needed in advance of Town Meeting.

C. ZBA: Belletete's – The ZBA approved all variances.

D. Open Space Committee –Conant High School students have constructed a bench and picnic table. They will be asked to deliver them to Fran and Pam's for temporary storage.

E. Planning Board – A conceptual plan to expand the parking lot of Millepore was presented. A Special Exception will be sought because of a wetlands district impact. McDonalds will be installing a storm water system when the changes are made to the drive-through area.

E. Mail – CDG received a request to expedite the DES application of Peter Dublin for beach replenishment on Contoocook Lake. Motion to expedite Mr. Dublin's application: Passed.

V. New Business

A. Nomination – Motion to request permission of the Select Board for Ann Marie Furnivale to join the Conservation Commission as an Alternate: Passed.

B. Education Program – Interest has been expressed in a program on owls. A similar program at the Peterborough Library was organized by Lisa Bearce. EW will inquire.

C. Pesticides – SG made phone calls to area towns, and found that none of them use natural pest control/fertilization on town lawns. Dover, NH uses organic management practices, though actual cost is unknown. NB will obtain the booklet cited by the petitioner outlining the management plan.

D. Route 202 – A meeting to discuss planning will be held Oct. 17 at 6:30 at the firehouse.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.