

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices February 22, 2017

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, William Graf, Michael George, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter, Charles Koch

Absent: Matthew Amadon,

Guests: George Aho, Emily Chetkowski, Villi Poni Farm

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM. Guests were introduced.

Villi Poni Farm is a Newfoundland Pony Rescue facility. Newfoundland Ponies are an endangered breed, and their preservation and protection could be linked with the mission of the Conservation Commission. As Emily said, "You don't miss it until it's gone." The ponies could serve as "ambassadors" to raise awareness of Open Spaces in Jaffrey.

Proposed joint projects include: The use of ponies to assist the Jaffrey Middle-School students and the Boy Scouts in the clean up of Children's Woods and CPCA; Hiking with ponies; Re-doing of CBC film; Ponies on the lawn of the Library; Ponies at Riverfest; Ponies in the July 4th Parade; Plant sales (heirloom varieties?) with pony fertilizer; Commissioned artwork; Artwork and photos on note cards and buttons; Con Comm sponsoring the reception after Amos Fortune Forum; Newspaper articles; Yankee Magazine article; Children's book; Celebrations to mark new conservation easements.

The Open Space Committee, BG, CDG, EW, PA, FMcB, NBB, PW, and CK, will undertake the further development of these projects.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. Financial status – A total of \$2,200.00 dollars was spent last year.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Forest Management Proposal – No report at this time.

B. ZBA and Planning Board – BG attended ZBA meetings. CK attended PB.

V. New Business

A. Educational Programs – FMcB has compiled a list of potential speakers, including Dave Anderson, Patrick Hummel, Swift Corwin, Steve Roberge, Jeff Littleton, and Michael Neary. An Education Sub-Committee of FMcB, CDG, and MG has been formed to plan a future event.

B. Earth Day – April 22 is Earth Day, and Town Clean-Up. It is also the date of the March for Science in Washington, DC, for which reason Earth Day events in a number of nearby towns be celebrated on April 29.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.