

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices March 22, 2017

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Michael George, William Graf, Patricia Weiner

Guest: Tom Meehan, Community Service Coordinator for Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM. Mr. Meehan introduced himself.

II. Mr. Meehan has responsibility for 45 students who spend a portion of each Friday afternoon working on Community Service projects. At present, they are constructing park benches, picnic tables, map boxes and creating park signage. Mr. Meehan hopes to get the students off-campus some time this spring to develop their engagement. Mr. Meehan can be reached at t.meehan@sau47.org

III. The minutes of the Feb. 22 meeting were approved.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Open Space Committee – BG met with Emily Chetkowsi of Villi Poni Farm to discuss using the ponies to provide labor for the Earth Day clean-up of Children's Woods on April 22. CDG will take care of press releases. Pictures have been made available for our use at Town Meeting.

B. Forest Management Proposal – Charles Koch presented a completed Management Plan for the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA). It is his recommendation that there be a comprehensive plan for the trails, with the creation of a circuit and the elimination of several spurs. Yet to be determined: the placement and installation of gates to preclude ATVs; erosion remediation at Letourneau entrance; future parking needs; buckthorn mitigation. The Conservation Commission will meet at the Letourneau entrance on April 15, at 9:30 AM to walk the property.

C. Grey Goose – Having participated in the 2016 monitoring, BG and FMcB are competent to perform the monitoring for 2017. Our thanks to Jeff Littleton for providing their training.

D. Sidewalks – CDG and BG walked the sidewalks and proposed sidewalks in preparation for the Complete Streets Initiative. They propose that the invasive plant species be removed in conjunction with the creation /improvement of the sidewalks. CG will send a letter in support of the project.

E. Town Meeting – KB will address the Town Meeting concerning the warrant article for

the appropriation of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund established in 2008 under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Set up at 8:30 at the VFW.

F. ZBA and Planning Board – No ZBA update. EW reported on the Planning Board Meeting.

G. Mail – CDG received notification from DES regarding Notice of Incomplete Permit for James M Banghart, Thorndike Pond Road.

V. New Business

A. Camp Wildwood – Lilly Tullio, age 11, would like to attend Camp Wildwood. Motion to support Lilly Tullio with a scholarship for Camp Wildwood: Approved.

B. Educational Program – FMcB and CDG have arranged, in conjunction with The Harris Center, for Brett Amy Thelan to present a program on Vernal Pools Tuesday, April 18, 7PM at the Jaffrey Civic Center. KB will print flyers to have at Town Meeting. CDG will provide press release to the newspapers.

C. Earth Day – TEAM Jaffrey Town Clean-Up is scheduled for April 22, as is Children's Woods Clean-Up with Villi Ponies.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.