

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices June 20, 2018

Present: Carolyn D Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nan Beiter, Ann Marie Furnival, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Regrets: Kathy Batchelder, Nora Barton Bryant, Serra Gauthier, Bill Graf, Charles Koch, Bonnie Mitchell, Select Board Member

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM. Tom Rothermel has moved to Fitzwilliam. We thank him for his time and his commitment. Nan Beiter has submitted her resignation, but has offered to continue to provide the benefit of her legal mind. Thank you, Nan.

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

III. Financial Review – \$21,937.50 received from Land Use Change Tax, \$100.00 payment made to Civic Center, \$200.00 payment made to Project Coyote

IV. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – The culvert will be installed by July 2. Motion: To accept the proposal of Ken Howe to obtain and install two gates at a cost of \$3,950.00 each, \$3,950.00 payment to be made as a deposit, with the remained to be paid upon completion and approval. Passed. CK has contacted the fabricator re: revised costs for two gates, painted and installed in poured concrete.

B. Open Space – The Open Space Sub-Committee participated in activities at Villi Poni Farm during National Heritage Species Week (May 20-26) when Villi Pony had an event at their farm. The Memorial Day Weekend was a success. Plans for next year are already underway. Absence of press coverage was a problem.

C. Education – CDG has been in contact with Julie Perrin of the Jaffrey Library. Julie proposes a programming partnership wherein the ConComm can host programs at the Library at no charge, and with the benefit of the Library's PR outreach. Motion: To accept the proposed programming partnership with the Jaffrey Library. Passed.

D. Planning Board – July 10 6PM site visit to Landis property on Sander's Rd. for greenhouse. June 26 6PM Millipore site visit for bio-digester.

E. Mail/email – CDG received an email notifying her that the VanDyke property has been listed for sale. To the best of her knowledge, the easement issue has not been resolved. The Monadnock Conservancy is seeking a shoreland permit for Peabody Hill Rd. but is not asking for it to be expedited. No action is required.

V. New Business

A. Gilmore Pond – AMF has noticed that the majority of the cars at the Gilmore Pond beach and along Sandy Lane appear to be from Massachusetts. She is concerned about the trash and misuse: she has seen people washing their dogs in the pond, and noticed a boat leaking gasoline into the water. She wonders how to address these problems, and whether the use of this resource can be restricted. NB suggested that she speak with Herb Gramm.

B. Taking Action for Wildlife – CDG would like to identify areas where the Community Assistance program could be utilized by the ConComm. She believes that getting protection for Class VI roads might be one of these areas. The Habitat Map they recently provided will be put to use at Riverfest, where people will place numbered sticky dots to mark wildlife sightings, recording the number and the animal in an accompanying notebook.

C. Riverfest – The set-up, take-down, and manning of the booth will be scheduled at the next meeting.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2018, 7PM at the Town Offices.