

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices May 15, 2019

Present: Carolyn D Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, Jim Bearce, Serra Gauthier, Bill Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Select Board Member: To be determined

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM. Jim Bearce re-joins the Commission. Welcome! Kevin Chamberlain may be the new Select Board Rep.

II. The minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Report – Previously approved expenses of \$560.54 for the Earth Day Clean-Up, and \$40.51 for Open Space programs were reflected in the report.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Earth Day Clean-Up at Carey Park/Children's Woods – With the help of the Franklin Pierce University football team, their coaches, Jon and Lynn Frederick and ConComm volunteers, new water bars were placed, trash removed, and trails cleared.

B. Nora Barton Bryant Memorial Bench – The bench has been ordered, but not yet delivered. Its exact placement TBD. The Select Board is considering our request to put a student-made picnic table on the town common.

C. Open Space – The ConComm is participating in an event at the Newfoundland Pony Rescue on May 25. Buttons and certificates will be awarded to young Citizen Conservationists.

D. Education – The final Library/ ConComm Joint Program on Bees took place April 23. CDG has contacted Sam Jaffee, the Caterpillar Man, but no event has been scheduled.

E. CPCA – The kiosk is ready to install, the gates await painting, and the new trail needs to be measured for boardwalk materials.

E. Earth Day 2020 – Lou Casagrande has asked the ConComm for a wishlist to present to the Select Board on July 8.

Solarize the water treatment plant

Full-time manager of the Transfer Station

Drum composter for organic matter at Transfer Station

Recycling of #5 plastic

Education/ encouragement of greywater and rainwater collection and use

Water coolers in public buildings to reduce the use of single-use waterbottles

Distribution of re-usable bags (logo?)

G. Goodnow Street Demonstration Garden – The ConComm was presented with a list of low growing native plants. Perhaps one of the town's Master Gardeners could be asked to donate a plan for the space. Nurseries with native plants need to be identified.

H. Archives – Purging of ConComm files will continue when volunteers become available.

I. ZBA – Nothing pertinent to ConComm.

J. Planning Board – Jaffrey Climate Initiative presented an introduction of its vision and its goals for the community. May 28, PB to discuss proposed zoning changes. June 15, charette to consider the future of the WW Cross Building: Civic Center, 9 - 1:00, registration required.

K. Mail/email – Riverfest is scheduled for July 27. As a non-profit, our booth fee would be \$20.00. As a town entity, we believe we should be fee-exempt. KB will speak to Team Jaffrey. A request for reimbursement for the Children's Woods/ Carey Park outlay has been drafted, and will be sent to the trustees of the Gordon Trust Fund.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 19, 7PM at the Town Offices.