

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices July 17, 2019

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

Regrets: Pam Armstrong, Serra Gauthier, Michael George

Select Board Member: Kevin Chamberlain

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM.

II. The minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Report – Payment for Nora’s bench, kiosk materials, and the materials for the Open Space event are included in June.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Nora Barton Bryant Memorial Bench – The plaque has been attached. Installation may take place in the coming week.

B. The student-built picnic table has had its plaque attached. The CPCA kiosk is to be installed 7/18.

C. Education – Sam Jaffee, the Caterpillar Man, is not responding to messages. KB will stop by as she passes through Marlborough. CDG is seeking greater participation in the Education Sub-Committee.

D. Earth Day 2020 – A presentation will be made to the Board of Selectmen 7/22, encouraging them to see this as an opportunity for the town. Perhaps they could draft a proclamation of support. Barbara Richter would like all of the state’s ConComms to coordinate.

E. CPCA – The parking lot will be graded and resurfaced next week. The sign has been cleared of brush. Rather than trying to remove the car, CK may use the excavator to bury it.

F. Riverfest – KB spoke with the organizers, who believe the ConComm should pay the fee for booth space. Motion: to participate in Scarecrows on the Common instead of Riverfest. Passed.

G. Goodnow Street Demonstration Garden – The sidewalk has reduce the size of the garden, and the slope appears to be manageable. It would be reasonable for the town to fill the space with topsoil while they are putting it nearby. Shannon Tremblay has agreed to install the garden. Additionally, Aaron Abitz has approached CDG about planting the garden with left over plants from the Library, at the Town’s expense. Day lilies and hostas seem to be the best choices. The question of maintenance remains. CDG will call Stephanie Porter.

H., I., J. Archives, ZBA, PB – No activity

K. Mail/email – a) CDG has been in communication with the head of the Student Conservation Association, who would like to attach tags to the kiosks at Children’s Woods commemorating their bridge construction project.

b) FEMA is undertaking a flood study of the Contoocook River.

c) Belletete’s is replacing the inadequate silt socks on its construction site.

d) The regular Railway maintenance will concentrate on the replacement of a culvert at Fitzgerald Drive.

e) The Monadnock Conservancy is seeking re-certification at a national level, and is asking for letters of support.

V. New Business

There has been vandalism at Howard Park, where picnic tables were destroyed, and at the Rail Trail, where a bridge was partially dismantled. Police have been notified.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. The next meeting will be held on August 21, 7PM at the Town Offices.