

## **Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft**

### **Meeting held at Town Offices May 24, 2017**

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

Regrets: Nan Beiter, Patricia Weiner

Guests: Jeff Kevan, Project Supervisor, TMF; Anne McBride, Monadnock Conservancy

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM. Mr. Kevan was introduced.

Mr. Kevan presented plans for changes to the Belletete's property, encompassing the enlargement of several buildings and the associated paved areas necessary to serve them. There are several wetland areas that will be affected by the changes, as well as the expectation of increased run-off which will feed into the Contoocook River. Once a Wetland Scientist's report including a plan for stormwater management is created, Mr. Kevan will forward the report and the ConComm will visit the site.

II. The minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review: status unchanged

#### **IV. Ongoing Items**

A. Forest Management Proposal – Charles Koch addressed his Plan of Operation for the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (CPCA) from his Forest Management Plan. Before other actions can be taken, the drainage problem off Letourneau Road needs to be resolved. Cush Moore will be meeting with Randy Heglin about culvert placement. The Conservation Commission will meet at the Letourneau entrance on June 10, at 8:30 AM to walk the property.

Children's Woods has also been evaluated, and found to have some marketable timber, as well as the potential for a beautiful view. The Conservation Commission will meet at the Carey Road entrance on June 14, at 8:00 AM to meet with Matt Tarr, Wildlife Extension Educator.

B. Sidewalks – The Complete Streets Initiative will be setting up a demonstration area in front of Jaffrey Grade School on May 30, at 10:30.

C. Route 202 – The possible changes to traffic patterns in the center of town may significantly effect river shorelines. Dept. of Environmental Services will be involved.

D. CNBRLAC – Re: The plan for aquatic invasives that Amy Smagula is developing, each concerned town along the river must commit to the plan. When it is completed, it

will be presented to the Con Comm.

E. Open Space – BG plans to highlight the Open Space Plan at Riverfest. He is hoping to coordinate with Villi Ponies.

F. Mail – CDG received emails expressing concern over the Town's decision to use chemical fertilizers and pesticides on the Common, Library lawn, and other town-owned areas.

#### V. New Business

A. Monadnock Conservancy – Anne McBride has been in communication with the heirs of William Royce, who wished to have his property protected by conservation easement. The Monadnock Conservancy is seeking grants from NRCS and the State to effect the purchase of the property. She is seeking the financial assistance of the Conservation Commission to help cover those transaction costs which are ineligible for grant monies. Motion: To contribute \$10,000.00 to support the Mondadnock Conservancy in its acquisition of the Royce Conservation Easement. Passed.

B. Parking for CPCA – CDG and Cush Moore have marked an area where four parking spots could be created at the Letourneau Road entrance. An abutter expressed concern about it becoming an attractive nuisance. Posting signs restricting parking to daylight hours and for visitors to CPCA would permit police supervision. Four additional parking spots could be created at the other entrance by removing the buckthorn. Cush Moore will present his recommendations for the possible project.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2017, 7PM at the Town Offices.