

Jaffrey Conservation Minutes Draft
Meeting held in parking lot of Town Offices March 30, 2020

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Jim Bearce, Bill Graf, Charles Koch, Fran McBride.

Regrets: Aaron Abitz, Serra Gauthier, Elizabeth Webster, Select Board Member: Kevin Chamberlain

The March meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Monday, March 30, 2020, in the parking lot of the Jaffrey Municipal Building. Notice was posted more than twenty-four hours in advance at the Jaffrey Municipal Building, the Jaffrey Post Office, the Town Gazebo, and the Town of Jaffrey website.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Carolyn Garretson, Chair.

The main purpose of the meeting was to approve expenditures for materials to construct stream and bog bridges on the new section of the loop trail at Cheshire Pond Conservation Area. Charles Koch moved: To approve expenditure up to \$4,000 for materials to construct bridges at CPCA. Seconded by Jim Bearce, the motion was approved unanimously.

In other business:

Peggy Ueda asked that a representative of the CC be in charge of the virtual Earth Day production. It was agreed that Carolyn would contact Aaron Abitz to ask him to assume this role.

Bill G. and Jim B. said they will install Nora Bryant's memorial bench in April.

The NACC is working with Rockingham County to develop a state network of volunteers to spread information on a pollinator program and would like to have an ambassador for the program in each county. Barbara Richter asked if Carolyn if she would be the volunteer for Cheshire County.

Carolyn will ask Barbara Richter to distribute the additional Earth Day Proclamations signed by Governor to other CCs at her discretion. One official copy was given to Jon Frederick for Jaffrey.

The resident across from Nora Bryant's former property was concerned about potential runoff from the property if it is subdivided. Upon informal inspection, it was determined that this was not a matter for the CC.

Fran McBride explained that he was purchasing an elm tree from the Elm Tree Research Institute in Keene. They have several trees 25' to 30' tall that they are selling for \$200 each. Because of their size they would require special treatment in transplanting. There is someone in Fitzwilliam who does this, but the cost is around \$600 per tree. Fran suggested that the CC consider purchasing one for the Town. There was concern that by the time this could be brought to the Select Board for approval it would be too late in the year to transplant a tree of this size. It was decided to follow up at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

William Graf, acting secretary

