

Jaffrey Conservation Commission  
Virtual Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2020

Present: Carolyn Garretson (chair), Aaron Abitz, Pam Armstrong, Jim Bearce, Bill Graf, Charlie Koch, Fran McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Kevin Chamberlain (Select Board Rep.)

Absent: Kathy Batchelder, Serra Gauthier, Michael George  
Guests: Jon Frederick, Todd Croteau, Rene Sangermano, Tory McCagg, Carl Querfurth

I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The October meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, on Zoom because of the Covid19 directives. Notice was posted more than twenty-four hours in advance at the Jaffrey Municipal Building and the Town of Jaffrey website.

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair, who read the Governor's Statement regarding online meetings. Guests were introduced.

II. Nutting Road Bridge. Nutting Rd. Bridge is in serious disrepair and, while historic, must be replaced. Eighty percent of the funding for the replacement comes from the state. The bridge is situated on a curve of the Contoocook River, which subjects one abutment to scouring. Because of the curve, the engineering proposal is to lay down riprap, stabilizing the streambed. If the Town Conservation Commission lends its support, the process may move forward without additional impediment, permitting, or processing fees. The monies saved could be applied to the replacement of the LeTourneau Dr. Bridge culverts with a single opening, allowing the free movement of fish in Tyler Brook. Motion: To write DES letter, supporting the Town Plan for the replacement of the Nutting Road and LeTourneau Drive bridges. Passed.

III. The Minutes of October's meeting were approved.

IV. Transfer Station. The meeting at the Transfer Station at the end of September has resulted in a decision to hire a Manager. Jon will be speaking with the Select Board at their next meeting.

V. Children's Woods/Carey Park. The gates have been functioning as intended.

VI. Pollinator gardens. AA would like to see photos and links attached to the ConComm portion of the Town website. He will contact Andy Baranowski about the improvements.

VII. Education Programs. Members prefer waiting until people feel comfortable gathering to host programs, though gathering ideas is never out of season. Rene is hoping to provide adult programming in 2021, on composting, pollinator gardens, conservation and sustainability. She hopes the ConComm will partner with the Rec Dept. in planning for 2021.

VIII. CPCA. The gate has been modified to restrict vehicles. CK will unlock the gate when there is sufficient snow for snowmobiles. The Franklin Pierce football team is in residence and performing community service; perhaps they can be enlisted to move the wood to the construction site. Although CK has been unable to speak to Coach Gascamp, CDG will make enquiries. Otherwise, any and all help moving the lumber is welcome.

IX. ZBA. A variance on Lake Contoocook, along Woodbound Rd., was denied despite completion of the project. The owner plans to appeal. JB suggests DES should be involved, as there is shoreline encroachment.

X. PB. Annett Road: Mr. Rohde was granted relief, with conditions, by the Select Board. Sale of the property may proceed when the culvert has been verified as sound, the roadbed has been raised, and a waiver releasing the Town from provision of services has been signed.

XI. Mail/Email. Heather Linstad contacted CDG about the School District's new Wellness Committee to encourage trail use in Jaffrey and Rindge. Heather would like the ConComm to support the program and provide prizes for educational activities, geocaching and other programs. CDG will ask Heather to meet with us, and perhaps the Rindge ConComm, to create a plan.

## XII. New Business

Social Media. AA would like the ConComm to augment its position on the town website with pictures of the trails, wildlife, pollinator gardens, and other scenic beauties of Jaffrey. Please send jpgs to him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM. Next scheduled meeting should be January 20 at 7PM.