

Jaffrey Conservation Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021

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

Absent: Kathy Batchelder, Michael George

I. Meeting convened at 7PM. The February meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 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.

II. The Minutes of January's meeting were approved.

III. Financial Report deferred.

IV. Ongoing

A. Nutting Road Bridge. The purchase of the wetlands portion of Forest Park, which abuts Carey Park, could be used to mitigate the damage caused by bridge repairs. This would save the town \$15,000.

B. Education Programs. Saving Special Places is being offered online. CDG will send out the flyer.

Pollinator plantings at the (eventual) roundabout and in pocket gardens at the Transfer Station, the Village Cemetery, and around town could be used to help educate people about appropriate native plants.

Municipal composting is the subject of an article about Mark Meadows of Lebanon. Perhaps a webinar presented jointly with the JCI?

C. ConComm Terms. Members should check with the Town Clerk about signing their oaths of office.

D. ZBA. Temporary walkway at the edge of a wetland was approved for Millepore. Terrain will be restored this summer. Clayton native plant nursery was approved in the Mountain Zone.

E. PB. A lot line adjustment between Kimball's and the Fire Station will permit possible expansion of the station.

F. Children's Woods/Carey Park. JB has contacted the Monadnock Conservancy about an easement and is awaiting a reply. He may also have found suitable trail markers. Samples are on their way.

G. CPCA. CK reports that snowmobiles have been going around the gates. He has also been in conversation with Mark Peterson, of the Boy Scouts, about moving material to the new trail site. Perhaps skidding it in while there is still ice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM. Next scheduled meeting should be March 17 at 7PM.