Jaffrey Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 16, 2022

Present: Carolyn Garretson (Chair), Tom Ahlborn-Tsu, Pam Armstrong, Jim Bearce, Serra Gauthier, Bill Graf, Charlie Koch, Fran McBride, David Peragallo, Elizabeth Webster (remotely)
Kevin Chamberlain (Select Board Rep.)

Absent: Aaron Abitz, Kathy Batchelder, Michael George

Meeting convened at 7PM. The meeting took place at the Jaffrey Town Offices. The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Garretson, Chair.

- 1. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.
- 2. Financial Review: LUCT money for 2021 totaled \$29,300. Passed at Town Meeting: Article 16. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund established in 2008 under the provisions of RSA 35:1."
- 3. Ongoing
- A. CPCA. The lumber was frozen into place. It will be collected when the ground has thawed.
- B. Children's Woods/ Carey Park and Town Forest Easements. Passed at Town Meeting: Article 28. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Conservation Commission to place conservation easements on all present and future Jaffrey Conservation properties and town forests (designated as such in accordance with RSA 31:110). These easements, which require approval by the Select Board, will assure permanent protection for all Jaffrey conservation properties and town forests."
- C. Nutting Road Bridge. DES Dredge and Fill documents are available for review.

A request has been made to increase the \$15,000 approved June 16, 2021 to offset the mitigation costs of the Town for the replacement of the Nutting Rd. bridge. Motion: To increase the amount of the mitigation payment, up to \$18,000. TAH/BG. Passed.

D. Cold Stone. DES Dredge and Fill documents are available for review. A letter from Tony Cavaliere expressed thanks for the support of the Conservation Commission.

## 4. New Business.

Earth Day. CDG will contact Steve Roberge regarding a program, or a recommended film. Seed packets and an informational brochure (TAH) will be given away at the event, along with door-prizes of pollinator-friendly bushes. Additional pollinator plants will be distributed at Riverfest. Motion: To spend up to \$1,500 for seeds and bushes to be given away at the Earth Day event. Passed.

Jaffrey 250th. Banners celebrating the anniversary will be hung from poles along major routes. They are available for purchase for \$150, with the name of the purchasing party. Motion: For the Conservation Commission to purchase two banners for the celebration, at a cost of \$300. Passed.

Pollinator Garden Signs. Recognizing that a successful pollinator garden requires more than just flowers, the brochure produced for Earth Day seed packets will be distributed along with pollinator garden signs. CDG, PA, and FMB will be responsible for the distribution of signs and information. Motion: To approve funds for the purchase of 50 Pollinator Garden signs, up to \$500. Passed.

Carey Park DES ARM. CDG, TAH, CK to work on the grant application.

Thorndike Club. CDG received a Shoreline Permit Application to move the clubhouse away from the shoreline, though still within the setback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Next scheduled meeting is April 20, 2022 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.