

Jaffrey Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2022

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

Absent: Kevin Chamberlain (Select Board Rep.), 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 April meeting were approved. Minutes of the April 23 Special Meeting were approved, as amended.

2. Ongoing

A. CPCA. DP and his daughter brought concrete post piers part of the way to the site of the proposed viewing platform. DP will use a canoe and CK's water access to get the piers the rest of the way.

B. Children's Woods/ Carey Park. Water bars have been installed, logs have been laid across wet parts of the trail. Mulch has been spread onto the upper slope of the trail and at the trailhead for a parking area there. The Town might be willing to put gravel there, as well.

C. Grey Goose Monitoring. BG and CK went May 13th and walked the perimeter of both properties. They found no violations. Motion: To accept the 2022 monitoring report. Approved. Letters to the Robinsons and Hennesseys will be sent.

D. Community Gardens. TAH, EW, and SG addressed the intended purpose and scope of the project. There is some interest in the ConComm assuming the role of umbrella organization.

E. Jaffrey 250th. The ConComm will take responsibility for a series of planned events for April 2023. These might include guided tours of CPCA and Children's Woods/Carey Park, a trekking festival, a movie/speaker, raptor presentation, pollinator/caterpillar presentation, and art show. CDG, SG and DP will head an event planning subcommittee.

F. Town Land Easements. TAH has completed the pre-proposal for the grant application. CK has concerns that the listed project partner, NE Wildlife Trust, would impose restrictions on the use of the property which should be carefully considered before acceptance. CK would like the ConComm to seek a greater clarity of purpose. A retreat will be planned to address this in the future. Because the pre-proposal does not formalize an agreement with the project partner, it will be submitted. Motion: To continue discussion until next meeting, or until such time as the pre-proposal is accepted, to determine whether the full proposal should be submitted, and with which partner. Approved.

G. Education. CDG will call NH Audubon about programming.

H. Carey Park/Forest Park DES Complaint. The complaint filed by CDG and BG was apparently sent to the DES Sewer Dept.

I. ZBA. Approval of the soake pool at 380 Main St. on hold, pending a report from a wetlands scientist.

J. Mail. Peggy Ueda wrote to ask for ConComm support of 2023 MLK programming. A preview of a film about Leah Pen-niman and SoulFire farm will be shown at The Park Theater, Monday May 23.

4. New Business.

A. DP brought attention to the lack of silt management at the Fire Station, where vegetation has been removed adjacent to a stream. Motion: To send a letter noting these problems to Chief Chamberlain, with a copy to Jon Frederick. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM. Next scheduled meeting is June 15, 2022 at 7PM, at the Town Offices.