



MINUTES:

Meeting date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Jaffrey Town Hall

Members Present: Thomas Ahlborn-Hsu, James Bearce, William Graf,
David Peragallo, Carolyn Garretson, Elizabeth Webster
Alternates Present: Pam Armstrong, Fran McBride, Eleanor Ahlborn-Hsu
Select Board Representative: Kevin Chamberlain

Guest: Kay Kinderman

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Tom Ahlborn-Hsu, Chair.

Motion made by BG, seconded by JB, to approve the prior meeting minutes. Approved.

Financial review: \$138,287 in The ConComm account. \$65+K could be used for legal fees easements on property of residents or CP/CW easement if necessary.

Grey Goose: Annual monitoring. Charlie Koch has volunteered to participate. Letter should be sent beforehand, possibly including use of a drone.

Earth Day/Month: Owl Prowl over-attended. Dr. Goodby very successful. Guided hike and seed distribution planned for Sat. 4/22. Coach Gascamp and FPU football team planning to clear the trail ahead of the event. They expect to finish by 12:30. Instead of lunch, a cash donation has been requested. Motion by CDG, seconded by PA: To approve a \$500 donation to the FPU Football Team. Approved.

Kay Kinderman introduced. Ms. Kinderman proposes the installation of a Windphone in Children's Woods. This is an unconnected rotary phone, minimally protected from the elements, for people to express their feelings about lost loved ones. Ms. Kinderman will submit more specifics re: protective structure and proposed placement.

CPCA: Some lumber remains for a railing. Will schedule a clean-up day, possibly with Scouts. BG will contact Josh Levesque.

Children's Woods/ Carey Park: Signage obstructed and faded. Stratton Rd. entrance needs clearing. Kiosk and trail map might be relocated. JB offers to make new signage this summer. Downtown Revitalization: Meeting May 10th.

ZBA: GrandView issue withdrawn until further notice.

PB: Public Meeting to discuss Energy/ Sustainability Chapter of Master Plan May 9th.

New Business: Strategic Plan for ConComm. Some requirements per statute include wetlands protection, site review for DES referrals, and monitoring of easements. Otherwise, our mission is to help people realize the value of the plants, animals, vegetation, ecosystems and hydrology of our town. To this end, the creation of an updated Natural Resources Inventory is needed. Motion by DP, seconded by CDG: To authorize an expenditure up to \$54,000 for Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological Services to undertake tasks A through G, in the creation of an NRI for Jaffrey.

TEAM Jaffrey: Tarah Castiglione has offered a table at the Farmers' Market for a Friday sometime during the season for informational purposes.

A short discussion was had regarding a 6 acre property on Rt. 202 owned by DD Beane. The commission was not in favor of taking action to acquire this property.

Mr. Chamberlain recounted the meeting of the Rail Trail leadership with the selectmen. The Conservation Committee expects to hear from this group their proposal.

Mr. Chamberlain described a new option from Revision Energy to offer shares to Jaffrey residents in a planned new solar field.

A motion was made by Ms. Garretson to approve \$500 to purchase a new tree to replace a failing tree near the old meeting house. Seconded by Mr. Bearce. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Graf to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bearce. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.