



MINUTES:

Meeting date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Location: Jaffrey Town Hall

Members Present: Thomas Ahlborn-Hsu, Carolyn Garretson, William Graf, David Peragallo, Elizabeth Webster

Alternates Present: Eleanor Ahlborn-Hsu, Pam Armstrong, Fran McBride

Select Board Representative: Kevin Chamberlain

Guest: Steve Lemonde, Moosewood Environmental

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Tom Ahlborn-Hsu, Chair.

Motion: CDG, seconded by PA, to approve the prior meeting minutes. Approved.

NRI: Steve Lemonde introduced. Mr. Lemonde demonstrated the draft of the GIS planning tool currently under development. He showed us a map of Jaffrey, with parcels marked. The layers included watersheds, wetlands, FEMA flood hazards, conservation/ public lands, slope, soil erodibility, wildlife corridors, wildlife action plan tiers and habitats, climate resilient/ biodiverse lands, as well as aerial and LiDAR images. This would enable someone to examine a single parcel in depth, or to place it within the larger context.

Running the program will require a Town held ARC GIS account, if none exists. It will also need to be maintained and administered. TAH will consult with Jo Anne.

Data updates, such as I Naturalist, may be entered by a trained person, or through Moosewood. It should be integrated with the Town data to provide a more complete picture of buildings, etc. KC proposes that this draft be presented to the various Town Boards at a January meeting using the large screen at the Fire Station, rather than piecemeal.

Sample habitat types will need to be surveyed to "ground proof". Letters seeking permission will be sent to landowners in January for spring surveys. Landowners may elect to keep the data private.

Children's Woods/Carey Park: Hung up trees have been reported. DP will walk through with Todd Croteau and/or Jon Frederick, looking for hazards.

New Business: Lacey Road: CDG accompanied NEWT representatives on a walk on Town land near 202. Structures have been built, and there is furniture and evidence of fires as well. No one appears to have been in residence. DPW will clear the construction, and letters will be sent to all abutters regarding what is and is not permissible on public lands.

Conservation tags: Some homeowners have expressed interest in marking the boundaries of conservation lands with tags. The ConComm will not be providing those tags at this time. Homeowners are welcome to obtain the tags for themselves.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7 PM at the Town Offices.