

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices October 25, 2017

Present: William Graf, Acting Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Serra Gauthier, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder

Regrets: Nan Beiter, Michael George, Tom Rothermel, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Guests: Ann Marie Furnival; Jennifer Shay

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM.

II. The minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review – Waived

IV. Ongoing Items

A. Forest Management, Carey Park – Charles Koch presented a comprehensive Forest Management Plan for the property. He anticipates \$15,000 gross revenue from a conservative cut if the road can be made usable. In order to log the property, the current Class VI road would require extensive improvement. Re-classification of the road as a Class A Trail would protect this investment and make additional timber harvest possible in the future. Proposals for Town Meeting must be submitted early in the new year.

B. CPCA – A sub-committee met October 9 to create parking plans for presentation to the ConComm. The suggestions follow:

LeTourneau Drive

Provide parking for four cars

Clear area of invasive species but leave buffer on the south side

Install a fence on the north side, probably split rail, to prevent access from that side

Install a gate at the end of the parking area to prevent ATVs from entering

Leave the surface as is, for the present

Install small signs for hours of operation (dawn to dusk), rules, map

Nutting Road

Provide parking for six cars, facing east

Remove buckthorn (ask Tom R. if he has equipment)

Place a “Right Turn Only” sign at the exit

Install a gate at the end of the parking area to prevent ATVs from entering

Level the surface and finish with gravel

Use present kiosk

The driveway application has been submitted. Randy Heglin will be asked about sources of suitable gates. Culvert work is still pending. New trail work will begin soon.

C. Jennifer Shay, Nutting Road Abutter to CPC – CDG and PA visited Ms. Shay at her home to discuss the proposed parking area. Ms. Shay expressed concern about the loss of privacy that might attend increased use of CPC. She also states that the buckthorn is a visual buffer. BG proposed buying young trees from the Cheshire Co. Conservation District annual plant sale.

D. Open Space Committee – Bill collected the student-made bench and table. They are at BG's for temporary storage.

E. Planning Board – The parking lot expansion of Millepore was presented. There would still be less than 75% of the property covered by impervious surface. Millepore will be removing a large pile of fill which CK suggested likely contains invasive species. The Board made mitigation a condition of the pile's removal.

E. Mail – ConComm members are reminded to comment on the Route 202 website. Peter Dublin's application remains incomplete.

The Southwest Regional Planning Commission has prepared a handbook for purchase. Motion: To allocate \$10.00 for the purchase of a handbook: Passed.

V. New Business

A. Education Program – SG found the Eyes on Owls brochure online. She will contact for availability and pricing. Perhaps the schools and /or the Library might consider partnering with the ConComm. Also, CK spoke to Matt Tarr, UNH Extension Service Wildlife Expert about a free presentation on birds' response to open and shrub habitats.

C. Grey Goose Monitoring – BG, FMB, and CK will conduct the annual monitoring. Contact will be made with the owners to schedule.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting will be held on **December 6, 2017**, 7PM at the Town Offices.