

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes Draft

Meeting held at Town Offices January 24, 2018

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, Serra Gauthier, Ann Marie Furnival, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Tom Rothermel, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Patricia Weiner, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Nan Beiter, Nora Barton Bryant, Michael George

I. The meeting convened 7:00 PM.

II. The minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved.

III. Financial Review – CDG presented a copy of the bank statement.

IV. Ongoing Items

A. CPCA – CDG is waiting for Randy Heglin to return to get permission to install the Right Turn Only sign on Nutting Rd.

B. CPCA – SG contacted Doug Cygan of the NH Dept. of Agriculture regarding buckthorn management. Mr. Cygan confirmed that pesticide application is the best method, providing his preferred formula and a list of licensed applicators. Given our mission of watershed protection, the decision to use glyphosate cannot be taken lightly. The backhoe option remains on the table.

C. Open Space – The Open Space Sub-Committee will meet at BG's on Feb. 15 to discuss possible events.

D. ZBA & Planning Board – Richmond Hill Farm (the former Town Poor Farm) has sought a subdivision. Some mention was made of possible conservation easement. Note was made of compliance issues. CDG proposes a meeting with Jon Frederick to discuss better enforcement.

V. New Business

A. Annual Report – The Annual Report has been prepared for Town Meeting.

B. Education – A number of interesting options were presented for discussion: owls, an Audubon presentation, SPNHF on coyotes, Matt Tarr on young forest habitat and songbirds, and AMF's friend, Tom Warren, on birds. CDG, KB, and AMF will meet to discuss further.

D. Upcoming Events – Jan. 27, 10:00 AM Rindge Community Center: Curt Laffin, American Chestnut presentation. Feb. 22, 7:00 PM Nelson Town Hall: Eric Masterson, Hawk Migration presentation. Feb. 23, 2-4 PM Stonewall Farm in Keene: Jeff Littleton,

Landscaping with Native Plants workshop. April 7, Alton, NH, Saving Special Places (details forthcoming).

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 28 2018, 7PM at the Town Offices.