

# **Jaffrey Conservation Commission**

## **Minutes**

**March 24, 2010**

In Attendance: Carolyn Garretson, Temp. Chair

James Bearce

Nora Barton Bryant

Patricia Weiner

Absent: William Graf

Ron Rogstead, Alternate

Kathy Batchelder, Selectman's Representative

I. The meeting was called to order at 7PM. Pat Weiner was appointed as scribe. The minutes of February 24 were approved.

### II. Correspondence

A. Camp Wildwood - BG had left word that there have been two candidates for Con Com assistance with attendance at Camp Wildwood. One is a third grade girl the other a seventh grade boy. After discussion, the seventh grade boy was nominated to receive the assistance. Actual names had not been submitted to the Commission yet.

B. Monadnock Regional Calendar - Before we decide to participate, we will request to see this year's calendar.

C. CPCA and school children - The third grade in Jaffrey is using CPCA to snowshoe in conjunction with the Harris Center tracking and habitat program.

D. Children's Woods/Monadnock Conservancy - Con Com received \$2898.51 in interest from the Gordon Fund. Approval was given for:

1. Reimbursement to Con Com for the original Vorce Soney survey.

2. Payment to the Town of \$1494, the balance of Con Com's 50% share of the Monadnock Conservancy's Easement bill.

E. Receipt of DES notice of Shoreline Impact permit issued to Lasko at 34 Frost Pond Road regarding attachment of a garage and breezeway to an existing house.

F. Individual was questioning the use of four wheelers in the wetlands. JB advised that it is illegal if it is done on

someone else's land without permission.

#### IV Treasurer's Report

It is possible that the Mooseplate grant received in 2008 was not properly credited by the Town to the Con Com account. When this is clarified, the correct balance available to the Commission will be determined.

#### V. Priority Items

A. CG presented an update on the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee. Open space focus groups will be held over the next three months. Tentative groups and meeting dates were and are:

Snowmobilers March 3

Working lands - agriculture, forestry, sugaring March 17

Hunting March 31

Ecosystem services - water, habitat, wetlands, etc. April 7

Misc. rural characters - artists, photographers, scenic vistas

April 21

Trail users - walkers, bikers, birders, equestrians, skiers, ATV's

May 5

Water access - fishing, water sports, swimmers May 19

Discussion topics are listed at <http://www.townofjaffrey.com/OSC.htm>

All meetings at 7:30 at Town Offices

#### B. Update on Town Meeting Items

The annual amount given by the Town to Con Com was raised to \$400.

The Town will allow \$5000 to the Land Acquisition Fund this year.

C. Discussion of Commission chair - JB will chair the next meeting. The matter of the ongoing chairmanship has not yet been resolved.

#### VI. Reports

A. Lands and trails - JB is continuing to work on trail markers. JB was called upon to remove a fallen tree from a path in CPCA near Nutting Rd.

B. Membership - discussion was continued regarding expanding membership of the Con Com. Names of potential members were suggested by all present. An open recruitment social may be held in the near future.

C. Conservation Commission brochure - NBB will contact Josh Penick for further assistance as he had previously offered to help.

## VII. Other Information/Business

A. Reminder that "Saving Special Places" Conference will be held this year in Weare on April 10.

B. Riverfest will be held July 31. All agreed that Con Com should participate again. NBB will head participation efforts. The next TEAM Jaffrey Riverfest organizational meeting will be held April 7 at 8:30AM. PW will cover the meeting.

C. JOF has placed and organized much of the Commission's filing in the Town Offices filing cabinets. NBB will review the file inventory of items.

D. NBB reported the results of her calls to all four State Reps. Regarding the State LCHIP raid.

E. Joanne Carr has extra copies of the NRI.

F. PW and NBB reviewed the Planning Board meeting review of the Miken Realty lot plans for the Ingalls Road property. The wetlands may still be an issue among other issues.

G. BG and JB made a site visit on Fitzwilliam Rd. based on a DES application. No objection was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Town offices.