

Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

July 28, 2010

In Attendance: James Bearce, Temp. Chair

Nora Barton Bryant

Carolyn Garretson

Michael George

William Graf

Ann McEntee

Patricia Weiner

Herb Gramm, Guest

Absent: Ron Rogstead, Alternate

Kathy Batchelder, Selectman's Representative

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. PW was appointed scribe. The minutes of June 23 were corrected and approved. CG announced that the Select Board had appointed Ann McEntee to the Conservation Commission. Herb Gramm showed pictures of the Sandy Lane Beach boardwalk recently built and thanked the Con Com for its assistance with this project.

II. Correspondence

A. Thank you note from Mass. Audubon for helping to fund a child at Camp Wildwood.

B. Thorndike Pond correspondence regarding group meeting minutes and events as well as a request for the Town of Jaffrey for payment of annual dues of \$60.

III. Treasurer's Report

CG reported that the Commission has \$8,071.16 available to spend.

III. Priority Items

A. BG updated the Con Com on the status of the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee. The seven attendees at the most recent meeting unanimously voted to form the OSC and allow the OSC to create its own format. After one more meeting, the committee will submit a rough draft to the Select Board.

B. JB reviewed the recent meeting with the Shattucks regarding property they wish to place into easement with the Monadnock Conservancy.

C. Ingalls Road update - BG and JB met with Dave Baron regarding the Con Com's concerns about large wetlands areas on some of the Miken Realty subdivision lots. D. Baron advised that all the lots are buildable as long as the buildings involved are placed correctly (some will be close). He assured BG and JB that he will control this. Limitations were reviewed.

IV. Riverfest - NBB reviewed times and materials for display. AM will share literature she received regarding invasive species. CG will bring live samples of invasive species. MG will bring the table, JB the canopy. All assisting with setup will arrive at 9AM.

V. NBB presented an update on land for sale in Jaffrey.

VI. Town Website will be updated with member list and terms.

VII. Other Business

A. NBB reported on the Aerial Detection Survey, a project sponsored by the NH Division of Forest and Land. An aerial survey of forestland will be done over a period of two years to be used for comparative basis in future studies.

B. AM advised that The Wildflower Society will work with Con Coms and local committees to help with the recognition of invasive species (Invasive Species Management Program). She distributed a handout explaining this and suggested that all review it for future consideration. AM also recommended that Con Com further increase public awareness about invasive species. All agreed that we should contact the Town manager to determine if the Town has a plan to handle invasive species. NB will contact Randy Heglin about this.

C. PW suggested that a member of the Con Com be present at all Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings that may involve conservation issues, especially wetlands issues. All agreed. Copies of applications involved will be reviewed before each such meeting. MG will attend the Zoning Board meeting on August 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM. The next regular meeting will be held August 25 at the Town offices.