

# **Jaffrey Conservation Commission**

## **Minutes September 22, 2010**

In Attendance: James Bearce, Temp. Chair  
Nora Barton Bryant  
Carolyn Garretson  
Michael George  
William Graf  
Patricia Weiner  
Mark Kresge, Guest

Absent: Ann McEntee  
Kathy Batchelder, Selectboard Representative

I. The meeting was called to order at 7PM. Pat Weiner was appointed scribe. The minutes of August 25 were approved.

II Mark Kresge reported on the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee's plan which will be presented to the Select Board in October. The report recommends that a permanent Open Space Committee be formed. If accepted, the Select Board will appoint members to the OSC. Mark asked that the Con Com email him any comments regarding the recommendation. Thanks to Mark for guiding this process.

Note: Later in the meeting, it was decided that the Con Com should request the Select Board to appoint one OSC member from the Con Com. BG will draft a letter with this request. Also in the discussion, the question came up as to how and where easements are reported to the Town as this is information the OSC and Com

Com would need. MG will check with Erline Lemire.

### III Correspondence

A. Peterborough Con Com sent a copy of the “Year in the Wild” calendar for Jaffrey Con Com’s consideration to purchase. Con Com decided not to buy the calendars in bulk for resale.

B. The Cheshire County Conservation District sent notice that it is offering free presentations to area towns regarding Agricultural Commissions. BG referred this correspondence to Brenda Bhatti.

C. NBB advised that Erline Lemire will send copies of Planning Board and Zoning Board meeting agendas to her prior to PB and ZB meetings so that Con Com representative(s) can attend if the subject matter is within Con Com’s realm of responsibility.

D. The Town is planning a conference meeting to discuss the possibility of building a rotary at the Rite Aid intersection. The Con Com will be requested to have a member participate.

### IV Treasurer’s Report

CG advised that Con Com has \$402 available to use for Children’s Woods. Possible projects are the placement of birdhouses, owl houses and duck houses and/or tree identification signs. PW will research what would be involved with the buying and placement of birdhouses.

### V. Specialization and Reorganization

Pw suggested that areas of Con Com interests be assigned to individual members for specialization. Since no one is specially trained in any area, it is sometimes overwhelming for members to cover all areas. Specialization would allow a member to research the specific area necessary to respond to questions or problems brought to the chairman’s attention. Some area breakdowns could be: wetlands, shoreland protection, forestry/timber harvest, invasive species, liaison with other Con Coms, liaison with the

OSC, wildlife. This could be supplemented by educational speakers. Members will consider and will suggest other areas to be covered and personal preferences by the next meeting.

## VI Other Business

A. Priscilla Morrill, reporter for the Ledger Transcript, has requested copies of Con Com agendas, minutes and emails. Since Con Com is not a regulatory organization, it is not required to create an agenda. NBB will contact Priscilla to advise her of this and to assure her that Con Com will advise her of anything of large interest.

B. Monadnock Conservancy is awaiting an LCHIP decision regarding funds for purchase of the Shattuck easement.

C. Kathy Batchelder has advised that due to the amount of rock in the Contoocook River in Jaffrey, milfoil can be pulled out by hand from the now dry river. She raised this issue in case the Con Com wants to form a work group sometime in October to remove the milfoil.

D. Discussion of the Chair replacement occurred as JB is no longer able to serve as temporary chair. MG was asked to accept the position. Further discussion ensued. MG will submit his decision by next month's Con Com meeting.

E. Due to the fact that November's meeting falls on Thanksgiving eve, the meeting will be postponed until December 1 at 7PM in the Town Offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Weiner