

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes - Draft

January 26, 2011

In Attendance: Michael George, Chairman

Nora Barton Bryant

Carolyn Garretson

William Graf

Patricia Weiner

Ron Rogstad, Alternate

Jonathan Larson, Guest

Absent: James Bearce

Kathy Batchelder, Selectboard Representative

I. The meeting was called to order at 7PM. Pat Weiner was appointed scribe for the meeting.

II. Old Business

A. Minutes of December 1, 2010 were approved.

B. WB has been coordinating with Emily Hague on the map project for Children's Woods. He is currently awaiting an electronic copy. Specifics will be determined at the next regular meeting.

C. **ACTION:** CG will contact Betsy Harris regarding easement listings.

D. MG reviewed the use of the jaffcc google groups account for emailing.

E. The Con Com social gathering was rescheduled for Feb. 9 at PW's home.

III. New Business

A. Jonathan Larson, naturalist for the Monadnock Conservation Center, spoke about several items:

1. Conservation education in the schools as well as working on grant programs for school programs.

2. Interest in developing community programs, perhaps scout programs.

3. Scholarship for a Jaffrey student to Camp Wildwood.

4. Discussion of Camp Wildwood in Rindge (Mass Audubon)

5. His work with property easements and acquisitions, rapid ecological assessments, Conservation Center procedures to eradicate invasive plants, etc.

6. We discussed how the Center's Leaders in Training (LIT) program may be able to assist us with projects in Children's Woods (signage, map kiosks) and the development of Jaffrey children's and community projects. NBB was instrumental in arranging for Mr. Larson's very helpful presentation.

Con Com is looking forward to working with Mr. Larson in the near future especially in the areas of conservation education and invasive plant eradication.

B. Update on Open Space Committee - **ACTION:** MG will meet with Don MacIsaac and Mark Kresge to further discuss the final format of the OSC as well as possible members.

C. **ACTION:** WG and PW were assigned the task of writing the Con Com's Annual Report for 2010.

D. CG reviewed the monthly/yearly financial report. **ACTION:** MG will request assistance from KB in clarifying bookkeeping to facilitate Town/Con Com exchange of figures.

E. **ACTION:** MG will reach out to the Monadnock Conservancy to ascertain what assistance the Conservancy now needs in obtaining a Jaffrey easement it is working on.

F. NBB reviewed recent Planning Board/ZBA agendas and minutes. The PB will hold a public hearing regarding Class VI roads at 7PM On Feb.8.

G. Document filing procedures will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission will be held Feb.23, 2011, at the Town offices The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Weiner