

**Jaffrey Conservation Commission  
Draft Minutes  
March 23, 2011**

In attendance:

Michael George, Chair  
Carolyn Garretson  
James Bearce  
William Graf  
Nora Barton  
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Absent:

Patricia Weiner  
Kathy Batchelder, Selectboard Representative  
Ron Rogstad, Alternate

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM. Bill Graf volunteered to scribe.

II. The minutes of February 23, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Garretson reported interest of \$2.82, giving us a current balance of \$26,120.44. She also reported that she was told we would soon be receiving LUCT funds of around \$2,500.

IV. Old Business

A. Children's Woods Map Project. Bill Graf sent our comments and suggestions from the February meeting to Emily Hague at TMC. She incorporated as much as she could and asked us to review the changes. She can produce the map in a PDF or PS format for our files and further refinements. The following suggestions were made:

- Label the Contoocook River
- Use Rt. 202 instead of River St. and Gen. White Highway
- Increase the map size of Children's Woods and use an inset to show Blake St. parking
- Complete the trail out to Stratton Road
- Label the Rail to Trail
- Show at least one contour elevation
- Put a P in the Blake Street inset to indicate the parking area.

If all is successful with this project, we will ask Emily to create a map of the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area. It was suggested that these trail maps could be placed on the town website for downloading, and, perhaps, we should establish a separate website for this purpose. Large maps would be placed on signboards at the beginning of the trails.

B. Spring cleanup and Action Plans. Michael suggested that we formulate an action plan for Children's Woods/Carey Park and Cheshire Pond Conservation Area for the next three months.

Jim Bearce distributed copies of notes on what needs to be done at CPCA that had originally been presented to the Commission in November of 2008. The needs were ranked as “high,” “medium,” and “low.” The list is as relevant today as when it was written. Jim will contact Jonathan Larson of the Monadnock Conservation Center at Camp Wildwood to discuss which projects he would be able to assist.

Michael will contact the high school principal about the possibility of students constructing the signboards.

C. Status of easement plans from the Monadnock Conservancy. Michael has not heard from Ryan Owen concerning the Shattuck property. He will try to speak with him at the training program.

D. Weed wrenches. Caroline Garretson brought in her weed wrench for us to examine. She compared it to another that was cheaper, and the Commissioners agreed that it was better suited to our purposes. BG moved and CG seconded the purchase of two weed wrenches at \$189 each. These would be displayed at Riverfest and would be made available for residents to borrow.

#### V. New Business

A. Open Space Committee. Michael reported on the status of the OSC. To date the following people have agreed to serve as members: Don Stewart, Peter Russell, Don MacIsaac (Selectperson representative), Michael George, Rob Deschene, and Amy Meyers. They are waiting for one more member.

B. Training. The Conservation Leadership Training Program begins tomorrow evening. MG, CG, and PW will be taking the course.

NBB, MG and BG went over the workshop selections for Saving Special Places and agreed on which workshops they will attend. PW will also be going to the conference, which will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at Kearsarge Regional High School.

C. Planning Board and ZBA. A review of the minutes of the PB and ZBA did not indicate items of concern for the Con Com. However, the PB will continue its discussion of Class 6 Road policy at its meeting on April 12.

D. Filing and archiving materials. Nora suggested that we come up with a plan to address our filing system. Many materials are in individual homes and need to be filed at the Town Office. Additionally, the files should be purged of irrelevant and outdated material. It was agreed to commit the first fifteen minutes of the April meeting to work on the filing cabinets.

The next regular Conservation Commission meeting will be held April 27, 2011 at the Town Office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.