

Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

Meeting Held at Town Hall September 24, 2014

Present: Carolyn Garretson, Chairman, Nancy Beiter, Recorder, Elizabeth Webster, Nora Barton Bryant, Michael George, Bill Graf, Tom Rothermel, Select Board Representative

Regrets: Pamela Armstrong, Frances McBride, Alternate, Patricia Weiner, Alternate,

Absent: Karen Morris

Guests: Christopher Guida, Fieldstone Land Consultants; Nicholas Coates, NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions, 3 Members of the Student Conservation Association

I. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

II. The minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2014, were approved.

III. Christopher Guida of Fieldstone Land Consultants presented an application filed by San-Ken Homes, Inc, the owner of a property on Carey Road to subdivide its lot and to install a 15" culvert to direct flow of a seasonal stream on the property. The Conservation Commission approved the application and signed a paper which would enable San-Ken to shorten the approval process with NH DES.

IV. Nik Coates, Executive Director of the NHACC, told the Commission about his organization, a non-governmental non-profit membership organization. 85-90% of Conservation Commissions in NH are members. He invited us to attend the NHACC Annual Meeting to be held on November 1, 2014, at Laconia Middle School in Laconia, NH. Nik then outlined the lobbying efforts and successes of the NHACC in Concord.

V. Members of the SCA reported on the work being done in Children's Woods this week and next as a result of the grant the ConComm received. Ashley Saari of the Monadnock Ledger Transcript will visit the site tomorrow, August 28, with a photographer to capture the work of the SCA on a bridge in CW which is largely completed. The trails are all in the process of being repaired.

V. Tom Rothermel reported that Jo Anne Carr, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Town of Jaffrey, has applied for a federal grant to widen the rail trail and to extend it toward the north up to Sharon Road, running parallel to Peterborough Street.

VI. Nan Beiter, Nora Barton Bryant, Carolyn Garretson, Elizabeth Webster, Bill Graf and Tom Rothermel were among those who attended the ConComs Raptor Rapture program held September 11, 2014 at the Jaffrey Woman's Club. It was especially gratifying to the ConComm that the program was not only well attended, but well attended by Jaffrey's children who asked many questions and were able to see a live Peregrine Falcon, a live Screech Owl and a live Red Tail Hawk.

VII. Bill Graf and Michael George visited the Grey Goose Conservation site preparatory to writing the annual report. The two are concerned about a possible violation regarding the construction of a barn by the holder of the underlying fee. MG agreed to research the deed and draft a report to be sent to the fee holder.

VII. A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is set for October 22, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.