

Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

Meeting Held at Town Offices June 24, 2015

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Pam Armstrong, Nan Beiter, Nora Barton Bryant, Herb Gramm, Charlie Koch, Francis McBride, Patricia Weiner, Tom Rothermel, Select Board Representative

Regrets: Matthew Amadon, Michael George, William Graf

Guest: Ann Dea Whippen of Hike Monadnock

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

II. Ann Dea Whippen of Hike Monadnock introduced her online company. Ann Dea sells clothing, with other goods in the plans, and makes a donation with each sale to help with conservation and trail maintenance in the Monadnock region. She wished to become acquainted with our commission and the conservation organizations in our area.

III. The minutes of the meeting held May 27, 2015, were approved.

IV. Financial Review: balances unchanged

V. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area: Members of the JCC met at CPCA on June 6th to evaluate the condition of the trail. The culvert which drains LeTourneau Drive has caused significant damage to the entry road. Water bars are needed to break the flow. Half of the signs reminding visitors that motorized vehicles are prohibited have been removed. There are several mud holes in the trail from vehicular use. Numerous trees have been used for target practice, some to the point of the trunks breaking.

TR and Police Chief Oswalt visited the site June 24th to look at the conditions. Chief Oswalt sees the problem, but cannot dedicate an officer to it. The VIN # of the derelict car will be researched for ownership. TR will meet with Randy Heglin to discuss the drainage issue, and its mitigation.

CK and TR will locate the pins for the properties adjacent to CPCA to determine the line of the Cooper property, facilitating the relocation of the trail.

MS has indicated that he would like to prepare the Student Conservation Association grant as part of his course work.

VI. Jeff Littleton has agreed to perform the monitoring for 2015 and to prepare the report for Grey Goose Farm. His visit to the site will take place later this summer.

VII. Riverfest is July 25. EW & TR will set up, EW staying until 11:00. NBB will man the booth between 11:00 - 1:00, NB will take it between 1:00 – 3:00. TR will help break down. CDG will contact MA and MS about possible participation.

VIII. The NHDES has approved the application for the remediation of the Ainsworth Pond dam. The NHDES has approved the dredging of the Brown/ Banker lagoon on Thorndike Pond.

IX. A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting is set for July 22, 2015 at the Town Offices at 7:00 p.m.