

Jaffrey Conservation Commission

Minutes

Meeting Held at Town Offices August 26, 2015

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Nora Barton Bryant, Charlie Koch, Select Board Representative Tom Rothermel

Regrets: Matthew Amadon, Pam Armstrong, Nan Beiter, William Graf, Francis McBride, Patricia Weiner

Absent: Michael George

Guest: William Preston, Rindge Conservation Commission

- I. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Preston spoke about the letter sent to Conservation Commissions across the state, requesting their support in opposing the NED pipeline, as demonstrated by the signing of letters to Governor Hassan and the New Hampshire Senators and Representatives. The letter concerns itself with the environmental impacts of the proposed pipeline.
- III. The meeting of July 22 lacked a quorum. No Minutes to approve.
- IV. Financial Review: Balance unchanged. \$250 remains in the Town Line, to be used before 12/31.
- V. Motion to sign the letter to Governor Hassan supporting the other Conservation Commissions in their opposition to the NED pipeline. Approved by vote. CDG will sign the letter.
- VI. Members of the JCC attended the meeting of the Select Board to offer the opinion that a conservation easement on Mr. Van Dyke's property does not provide benefit to the town, but will in fact be a financial burden.
- VII. Michael Soleau has moved, and resigned from the Jaffrey Conservation Commission.
- VIII. A grant proposal to repair the trails in the Cheshire Pond Conservation Area is due soon. CK & CDG will look at requirements, following resignation of MS.
- IX. The Open Space Committee has met and prepared a Mission Statement, as follows: The Open Space Committee is a subcommittee of the Town's Conservation Commission. Through implementation of the Open Space Priorities Plan, the Open Space Committee encourages the participation in the voluntary acquisition and protection of open spaces for recreation, common space, woodland, farmland, and preservation land. It assists landowners with land protection projects through use of the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund in conjunction with qualified conservation organizations. Next meeting on 9/16, 7pm.

X. Conservation Land Maps from the Southwest Region Planning Commission have been finalized. Motion to fund lamination of 1 large map. Approved. The other large map will be placed in the frame in the meeting room by TR.

XI. NHDES has imposed further conditions on the lagoon reclamation project of the Banker/Browns on Thorndike Pond.

XII. A site visit is planned for the Ingalls Road construction project and the Contocook Lake property, to be discussed at ZBA meeting 9/1.

X. A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is set for September 23, 2015 at the Town Offices at 7:00 p.m.