

Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes - Draft

December 09, 2015

Present:

Members- Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Carolyn D. Garretson(Chairperson), William Graf, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster

Alternates-Nan Beiter, Charles Koch, Patricia T. Weiner

Absent: Michael George (alt)

Tom Rothermel (Select Board Representative)

I. The meeting was opened at 7PM by Carolyn Garretson. PW was appointed scribe. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

II. CG welcomed guests Andy Pressman (Jaffrey CSA) and Amanda Littleton (District Manager of the Cheshire County Conservation District). Both were representing the CCCD.

Amanda reviewed the goals of the CCCD and spoke of meeting with town conservation commissions in order to determine how to better support each other. The CCCD is in partnership with several other conservation groups such as the Monadnock Conservancy, Hannah Grimes Center, etc....The organization is funded by County funds, fund raising and grant money.

The Jaffrey Con Com and the CCCD will continue to communicate ideas with each other to support conservation goals in the County and in Jaffrey.

Andy also reviewed the Jaffrey Kids Garden Club which he and his wife oversee on his farm in Jaffrey.

III. Financial Review - Account was reviewed. NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions dues of \$338 must be paid. Also, there is \$250 remaining from Town line funds for the year. CG recommended that it be donated the SPNHF to help complete work on the Stowell project on Mt. Monadnock. A motion was made and passed to do so.

IV. Ongoing items:

- A. Grey Goose monitoring plan - Jeff Littleton will complete the report in mid-December.
- B. Open Space summary - December meeting of the Open Space Committee had been canceled. Update will be made after January's meeting.
- C. Mail Review

V. New Business:

- A. Educational Program - A presentation by Patrick Hummel, NH Dept. of Parks and Recreation, is still a possibility. NB advised that a speaker was recommended to speak on "how migrating birds inform us about our environment". The speaker, Danny Raleigh, is a Naturalist. NB will obtain additional information. It was suggested that this presentation be one of two for the coming year. Further discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- B. The JCC Holiday Party details were finalized for 12/12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting will be held at the Town offices on January 27, 2016 at 7PM.