

**Jaffrey Conservation Committee Draft Minutes
May 25, 2016**

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Patricia Weiner, James C. Moore, Selectboard Representative
Regrets: Nan Beiter, Michael George, Tom Rothermel,
Elizabeth Webster

Absent: Matthew Amadon, Tom Rothermel

The meeting convened at 7PM. PW was appointed scribe. The minutes of April 27, 2016 were approved.

I. Financial review - There was no change.

II. Ongoing items:

A. School property update - CK advised that the school board was still waiting for the property appraisal. It is expected in a week or so. When it is received, a school board committee will convene to discuss several possibilities for use or disposal of the 100 acres involved. A determination should be made over the summer.

B. Members from Con Com worked on trail clearing and adjustment this past Saturday, May 21 in the CPCA. WK reported that unfortunately, by today, the barriers the team had placed were gone (logs). Also, there was evidence that dirt bikes had been through the trails. Especially since dirt bikes are not allowed on the property, the Jaffrey Police Department was advised. Patrols will be on the watch.

C. Forest Management was discussed regarding CPCA, Children's Woods and Carey Park. All agreed that Con Com should learn what is on the properties and what we should do with it. A unanimous vote hired CK to do the forest management program.

D. Educational programs - The migratory birds program will be presented at the Meeting House on July 7, 2016. A committee will meet in the near future to discuss at least one other possible educational presentation for the summer or fall. The committee members are CG, NBB, NB and PW.

E. Mail - No significant mail.

III. New business

A. Riverfest - Con Com will be participating in Riverfest. The new fees were discussed as was the possibility of decreasing displays.

B. The River Committee is hosting a program covering invasive water species on June 12. CG and WG will be attending.

C. R. Christmas had advised Con Com that silt from a nearby company has been running into the river near his home. He will be advised that he must report this to DES as it is that agency's responsibility to investigate and determine corrective action.

D. Mr. Hurd on Contoocook Lake has completed a DES application permit for work already completed on a side porch that is larger than the original footprint. CG did not sign the application for an expedited review.

E. CM and CK submitted an updated list of all Town owned properties. They drove by each property. It will be determined later who is responsible for oversight of each location.

F. PW questioned what party had rights to the trees taken down in the Eversource project (Mountain Road, etc.....). Apparently, each property owner affected has rights to the trees taken down on his or her property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM. The next Con Com meeting will be held on June 22, 2016 at the Town Offices.