Jaffrey Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting held at Town Offices September 28, 2016

Present: Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair, Pam Armstrong, Nora Barton Bryant, Kathy Batchelder, Nan Beiter, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, Elizabeth Webster, Recorder, Cush Moore (Select Board Rep)

Regrets: Patricia Weiner

Absent: Matthew Amadon, Tom Rothermel

Guests: Herb Gramm, Steve Perron

I. The meeting convened 7:00PM. Guests were introduced.

II. Steve Perron has completed a plat of Grey Goose Farm. Motion: To approve the signing of the survey by CDG in order to proceed with the monitoring of the easement. Passed.

III. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

IV. Financial status – Unchanged.

V. Ongoing Items

A. Membership – Michael has offered to resign his Alternate seat. A unanimous request came from the Commission that he continue to maintain the website.

B. Cheshire Pond Conservation Area – On 9/10, CDG, BG and Peggy Ueda worked with two Boy Scouts and Ruth Webber to clean and mark trails, pick up trash and block the old trail. BG suggests that semi-annual clean up with the Boy Scouts will help to develop a relationship. Long-term improvements to the property will be discussed at a future date. FMcB will call Rick Brackett about the maps, after forestry work is done. CDG will remind Randy Heglin about the drainage problem from Letourneau Rd.

C. 100 Acre School Board Property – The Rindge Conservation Commission would like to present the School Board with a proposal to put an easement in place. The Jaffrey Con Comm would like to wait until the School Board has clarified its intended use of the property. CDG will request a meeting with Superintendent Duncan, to suggest some educational consultants for program development.

D. Forest Management Proposal – Objectives Worksheets were distributed; to be returned next meeting. Motion: To approve payment to Charles Koch for forestry work on Cheshire Pond Conservation Area (\$1,650) and Carey Park/Children's Woods (\$2,200). Passed.

E. Grey Goose Farm – Easement documents have been sent to the Monadnock

Conservancy. The Jaffrey Con Comm seeks to transfer the easement to the care of the Conservancy.

F. ZBA and Planning Board – Thanks to BG for his regular attendance at ZBA meetings. CK and EW will share responsibility for attending Planning Board meetings.

F. Mail – 1. The Monadnock Conservancy canoe/kayak recognition of the Gramm Easement will take place October 1st at 4:30 pm.

2. DES has no record of a permit for work at Fitch Rd.

3. Peter Dublin failed to notify the abutters before beginning work at Hunt Rd., so DES has declined his application.

4. The dredge/fill stream improvement project on the Underwood property has been approved.

VI. New Business

A. Children's Woods Map – Peggy Ueda has requested a revision of the trail map. Michael George will be asked to make the appropriate changes, after the forestry work is completed.

B. A Winter Get-Together will take place at EW'S house in January. Date TBD.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2016, 7PM at the Town Offices.