

Jefferson Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
19 November 2019

1. The meeting began at 7 PM. Present and constituting a quorum were Nancy Decourcey, Jamie Savage, and David Govatski. Charles Muller was working out of state and excused.
2. The Building Permits were reviewed and no wetland conflicts noted.
3. The Planning Board is working on a questionnaire that will be going out next month. They will be looking to the Conservation Commission to provide Chapter 7 of the new town master plan. We agreed to prepare this chapter on the town's natural resources when requested.
4. The NH Association of conservation Commissions sent us a bill for the 2020 calendar year for \$200. We voted to approve the payment on the condition that the town budget is approved in March.
5. We have received word that the Presidential Recreation Trail will be worked on next summer in the Pondicherry portion of the trail. Most of this section is in Jefferson with a shorter amount in Whitefield. A member of the Conservation Commission helped write the \$105,000 grant request. The State Trails Bureau will administer the grant that will improve the surface with ledge pack, replace culverts, and reopen drainage ditches.
6. A Trail Day was held at the Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge on 2 November. A total of 21 volunteers showed up to work on trails. A total of 8 of 9 miles of trail at the refuge were cleared and several bog bridges were built and numerous blowdowns removed from a late October wind storm. The final mile of trail on the Mooseway will be worked on in December to open this popular trail for cross country skiing.
7. There will be no December meeting due to the holidays.

David Govatski, Acting Secretary
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