

Jefferson Conservation Commission
Minutes
16 January 2024

1. Call the Meeting to Order. We met in the Jefferson Library because of another meeting in the conference room. Present were Nancy Decourcey, Charles Muller, and David Govatski.
2. Report by Nancy on the NHACC Annual Meeting.
3. Update on the Oil Tanker Spill on NH 115 near Stag Hollow Road. Work continues at this spill site for the second month.
4. Update on a spill of Hydraulic Fluid on 115A. The small spill was cleaned up, and the ground was restored.
5. Commendation to Waumbek Golf Course for scenic enhancement thinning on US 2. Nancy will write a letter of commendation from the JCC for the fine work the Waumbek Golf Course did in restoring the view of the mountains. Our state tree, the paper birch, was thinned out, and we have a nice filtered view of the golf course and mountains. We hope others who have similar potential views will follow this lead.
6. Eversource wetland permit for upgrading Coos Connector. Discussed the plans for continuing the work on upgrading the Coos Connector. No areas of concern were noted, and the paperwork was in order.
7. Portland Pipeline issue on Israel River update. The pipeline experienced some erosion of the covering of the pipeline across the Israel River. The company is developing an engineering plan to fix the issue. DES might require the company to pay a fee for the wetland disturbance. The JCC and the company will explore ways to use the money for local wetland restoration projects, possibly on the Rail Trail.
8. Recent storms with blowdowns from Katabatic winds. The strong winds off of the Presidential Range and unfrozen ground caused many trees to blow over during the recent windstorms.
9. Potential PV Solar on town buildings update by Dave. The Selectboard is leading this effort.
10. Review the Annual Report of the JCC. Approved.
11. Tree trimming on Ingerson Road. Scenic Road requires a hearing that will likely be held in February.
12. There was no other new business.
13. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

David Govatski
21 January 2024