

Jefferson Conservation Commission
Minutes
17 January 2023

1. Present: Nancy Decourcey, Jamie Savage, and David Govatski. A quorum was present.
2. The meeting started at 7 PM in the Conference Room of the Community Center. This was the first time for the JCC to use this room.
3. The minutes of the 15 November 2022 meeting were approved. There was no December meeting due to the holidays.
4. Maura Chappelle was present for the meeting.
5. The Jefferson Conservation Commission Member Contact list was updated.
6. Nancy and David are signed up to attend the new Wetlands Training course that the NH Association of Conservation Commissions is providing. This is an online series of several 90-minute classes starting with an Introduction to Wetlands. The course is free for members of Conservation Commissions. More information is available here: <https://www.nhacc.org/resources/resources>
7. We looked at the Town of Jefferson website that has a Wetlands layer that can overlay tract maps.
8. David brought up a safety issue on the Owlshead Trail. This hiking trail starts on the trailhead on NH 115 in Jefferson and goes to the summit of Owlshead along the path of the famous Cherry Mountain Landslide of 1885. There is a dangerous crossing of Stanley Slide Brook that David checked out recently. David is proposing a fifty-foot long relocation on easy terrain to an old logging road that will avoid the need for the crossing which does not have a bridge. The trail is maintained by the Randolph Mountain Club and he will seek approval of the club before making a formal request to the White Mountain National Forest to relocate this short segment. The request will likely involve a site visit. The bottom half of the trail is on private land with four landowners and on wet terrain requiring bog bridges. The long term goal is to move this lower half of trail to a better route west of the current location.
9. There were no building permits to review.
10. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7 pm.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

David Govatski, Chair
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