

Jefferson Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
19 March 2024

1. The Meeting was Called to Order at 7 p.m. with a quorum of Nancy Decourcey, Charles Muller, and David Govatski. Jamie Savage was excused because he was sugaring.
2. Approved the February Minutes.
3. We discussed the Town Meeting vote for Solar Power for municipal buildings and streetlights. The Town already has one bid, but we need two more for the Select Board to consider. We are working for the Select Board on this project. Melissa Elander from Clean Energy New Hampshire advises us on grants and qualified potential vendors to build our system. We are awaiting one additional grant opening for municipalities that may become available soon to apply for. This is the link for the NH Municipal Solar Grant Program that is currently being reviewed at the federal DOE level before NH can open up the application period:  
<https://www.energy.nh.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-opportunities-cities-towns-counties-and-schools/municipal-solar-grant>
4. David described the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant that will assist the Town in rebuilding Airport Road and Hazen's Road in partnership with the Town of Whitefield. The FLAP grant is a special fund from the Federal Highway Administration that offers competitive grants to local and state governments to provide access to federal public lands, in this case, the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge. David is checking into when the next round of grant applications will open. David wrote the successful FLAP grant for the 2020 Presidential Recreation Rail Trail project at Pondicherry. For more information on FLAP grants, check out this link:  
<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access/nh>
5. We reviewed a wetland permit by the Portland Pipeline Company to work on the pipeline near the Carter Cut and Valley Roads. The permit included maps and engineering drawings.
6. A citizen asked about a building permit off Black Velvet Road. The Select Board reviews building permits, and the Conservation Commission reviews wetland permits.
7. Charles will contact a conservation easement holder for our annual inspection visit.
8. The Pondicherry YCC Crew will start work on 15 July and will primarily work on trails, including bog bridge construction or replacement on the ten miles of trail at the Refuge.
9. With no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.
10. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 16 April 2024.

David Govatski prepared these minutes on 20 April 2024

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