

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of May 3, 2010

Present:

Members: Richard Babcock, Laura Gund, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, Anne Tappan

Ex Officio: Laurel Cox, Land Protection and Community Development Administrator

Visitors:

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on April 5, 2010, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of May 10, 2010, was \$15,600.15 composed of

LCC Funds \$12,229.24

Dave Allan Fund \$ 3,370.91

Town Forest Complex: A. Tappan has prepared a report entitled "Field Observations at the Town Forest Vernal Pool" which has been sent to J. Long for inclusion in the documentation of the vernal pool.

New Hampshire Natural Leaders Program: L. Gund reported on the existence of a program for young people sponsored by the NH Department of Fish and Game and the Appalachian Mountain Club. She will seek more details concerning the program which involves a year-long commitment by those who participate in it.

Land Protection Update: L. Cox presented a review of current and proposed land protection activities.

Old Business:

Town Forest Management Plan: B. Humm circulated a portion of the management plan being prepared by C. Moreno. He suggested that C. Moreno attend the July meeting of the LCC to discuss the preliminary plan and follow this with a public informational meeting in September, or later. In the meantime full copies of the preliminary plan will be made available in the Town Hall, the Library, and on the Town's website. In the following discussion the possibility of combining the public meeting on the Town Forest Plan and the similar plan being prepared for the Maud Jones Memorial Forest by D. Quigley and R. Weyrick was considered. B. Humm will discuss this possibility and other issues with R. Weyrick, D. Quigley, and C. Moreno. It is possible that LCC will meet with Mr. Quigley at its June meeting and with Mr. Moreno at the following July meeting.

Allen Property at 57 Mast Road: The potential buyer for this property has withdrawn and the site visit by LCC was canceled.

New Business:

Lee Five Corners and Garrity Reserve: LCC has been sent the draft stewardship plan prepared by Ellen Snyder. It was suggested that Ms. Snyder be asked to present the proposed plan to the general public and (specially notified) abutters in June or July. This will be discussed with Ms. Snyder. It was agreed that, if necessary, LCC would pay the costs associated with the public meeting.

Request from Lamprey River Watershed Association: The LRWA has asked for support from the LCC in their effort to enroll the North River, the Little River, and the remainder of the Lamprey River in the NH River Management and Protection Program. During the discussion B. Humm mentioned his concern that the enrollment of those rivers now under Lee shoreland protection regulations would come under the NH State Comprehensive Protection Act. This change could impact the landowners plans for their property and, therefore, LCC should not endorse the enrollment effort without the knowledge of the landowners. Mr. Humm will ask the LRWA to notify landowners on both the North and Little Rivers of the potential changes stemming from such a change in status.

LCC Contact Person: L. Gund has agreed to serve as LCC contact person in the absence of Chairperson Humm.

Easement Monitoring: L. Gund presented a preliminary monitoring schedule for consecutive Wednesdays through June 23.

Tecce Property: L. Cox reported that an updated appraisal was needed for the Tecce property in order for application to the NH DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program. In the process she asked LCC to approve funds for an updated appraisal of the Tecce property. D. Babcock moved and L. Gund seconded the following motion:

To approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 of LCC funds for an updated appraisal of the Tecce property by Scott Heath,
The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2010

Submitted By _____
David Meeker