

## **Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2010**

### **Present:**

**Members:** Laura Gund, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, Tim Moody, Anne Tappan, Richard Weyrick, Emeritus Member

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

**Visitors:** Rick Cote, 6 Owl Lane, and Robbi Woodburn of Woodburn and Co.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on June 7, 2010, approved with correction.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of July 18, 2010, was \$15,547.10 composed of

LCC Funds	\$12,175.77
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 3,371.33

**Lee Circle Construction:** B. Humm noted that the alterations and wetland reconstruction have begun on the Packy Campbell property on Rt. 4 near the Lee Circle.

**Noble Farm Property:** T. Moody and L. Cox reported on the meeting called to discuss possibilities for this property recently obtained by the Town for unpaid back taxes.

**Easement Monitoring:** The **Hutton, Claridge, and Demeritt** easements were visited on one day accompanied by Steve Walker and Tracy Boisvert of the NH Office of Energy and Planning. No items of concern were noted. The **Joe Ford, McIver (Crosbie), and Barth** easements were also visited. It was noted that a corner marking the boundary of Barth and Humm properties was not located and will be sought again at a later date. The possible need for a surveyed line marking the Lee and Epping boundary in the area will be discussed at a later date. Bambi Miller joined in the visit to the **Grumbling** easement. At least three locations were identified where brush and trash have been deposited on easement property by abutters living along the Calef Highway. B. Humm will write letters to the abutters bringing to their attention the inappropriateness of such actions. He will also write to Jay Grumbling to remind him that any changes on his easement, even of an agricultural nature, are required to be in agreement with an approved management plan for the easement. L. Gund presented a proposed monitoring schedule for July.

**Land Protection and Community Development:** L. Cox submitted a review of proposed and current protection and development activities. In response to current need, L. Gund moved and A. Tappan seconded the following:

Moved: That, after a Purchase and Sales Agreement is signed for the Tecce property off Rt. 155A. the LCC will provide up to \$2,000 to Mark West for a wetlands survey and preparation of a mitigation plan for the property.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

**Lee Five Corners and Garrity Reserve:** Presentation and discussion of the management plan for these properties is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27. Copies of the draft plan will be distributed to the Lee Library, The Strafford Rivers Conservancy, and the Town of Durham. As abutters need to be notified of the meeting, D. Weyrick will identify the abutters and provide L. Gund with their addresses so that formal notification by B. Humm can be sent to them. B. Humm will also notify the E-Crier of the meeting and its purpose.

**Town Forest Management Plan:** A number of matters relating to bicycle traffic and to vernal pools were discussed without particular action.

**Maud Jones Memorial Forest:** D. Weyrick is currently incorporating comments by members of LCC into the draft management plan. He also plans to have information relating to the possible presence of endangered species on the property before a meeting to be held late in August. It was noted that it will be necessary to formally inform abutters of the upcoming meeting.

**Nomination of North River and Little River into NH Rivers Management and Protection Program:**

As LCC has received only supporting comments from landowners, B. Humm will write a letter in support of LRWA nomination effort.

**Wetlands Violation of Vallee Property:** A. Tappan reported that she and R. Weyrick visited the site of the violation and took photographs. They will be contacting the appropriate agencies in the near future.

**New Business:**

**Driveway and Parking Alteration at 6 Owl Lane:** Robbi Woodburn presented plans for driveway and parking construction. The proposal involves construction of a new 12 foot wide driveway in an approved right-of-way across property of adjoining 8 Owl Lane. The construction extends slightly into the setback from wetsoils and will add approximately 320 sq. ft. to the parking area. A. Hartgerink and, possibly, others will visit the property and inform ZBA of LCC's recommendation on the requested variance.

**Former Bayles Lot:** A letter received from a member of the Bayles family was discussed. The writer, feels that the Town has not properly acknowledged the contribution of the Bayles lot and Town Bog to the Town by the Bayles family. The proper response to this letter was discussed and it was noted that the Town paid \$140,000 to the Bayles family for the property so it was not the total "gift" that the letter writer seems to believe. L. Gund volunteered to draft a letter of response for the Town Administrator, Diane Guimond.

**Easement Encroachment by Four-On-Four Driving Range:** B. Humm and A. Hartgerink described the history of the apparent encroachment and informal efforts to resolve the problem. Consultation with the Town Attorney finds that such an encroachment is usually considered a civil offense and legal action could be initiated by either the easement landowner or the Town. Because of the complications of this situation B. Humm will consult with the Town Attorney before recommending action to resolve the issue.

**Next Meeting: August 2, 2010**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

David Meeker