

August 2, 2010

Lee Conservation Commission

Present: Bill Humm, Chair, Toni Hartgerink, Anne Tappan, Laura Gund, Dick Weyrick.

Guests: William Hawe (new owner of former Newick property) and Tim Ferwerda, Meridian Land Services, Inc.

Minutes: July 6, 2010 minutes accepted as read.

(Former) Newick property: Tim Ferwerda presented their proposals for work on wetland areas, which will involve replacing two culverts and installing two new culverts in existing tractor roads. There are four wetlands involved all of which require culverts so that hay equipment can get to the fields. A new plastic, 18" culvert will be installed in Wetland Area #1. Wetland Area (WA) #3 has a rusting metal culvert, they want to replace it with a plastic culvert. This area has a pile of fill which was moved there from the new barn excavation. They plan to restore the area, remove the fill and replace it with loam and seed it with a "wetland seed mix." The fill will go back either to the barn area or some other place out of wetlands. WA #2 has a plastic culvert with a hole in it. WA #4 has a new 60' plastic pipe and they want to remove 30' of the pipe. The entire project area is approximately 3,000 sq. ft. DES has to make a decision on work that has already been done, then it has to go to the ZBA. LCC will make a site visit later in the month.

ZBA report: Toni is finalizing the letter to the ZBA re: Mr. Cody on Owl Lane.

Easement Monitoring: Henry, Blickle, Verrette, Garrity Road pit, Short and Stevens properties were monitored in July. We worked on the new schedule for August and September.

L5CR & Garrity Reserve Stewardship plan: Discussion regarding the recent public informational meeting which was attended by 15 – 20 people, including several abutters. David Dembowitz and Melissa Dembowitz own land that extends into the bottom of the pit that would require crossing with the proposed loop trail. He was in attendance but it is not known how he feels about the crossing. Invasives are a problem. Next step: Dick Weyrick suggested a neighborhood meeting to talk about the best way to handle the invasives. The knotweed is basically on town property, as opposed to the autumn olive which is also on land partly owned by the abutters. Possible Saturday in September for a neighborhood attack on the invasives. Discussed the best time of year to do this.

Maud Jones Memorial Forest plan: Copies of the plan should be in the library and the Conservation Comm. should have copies available. The town office is capable of making color copies and then binding them, saving Dick W. the expense and time of preparing copies. There will be a public informational meeting on Tuesday, August 31st.

Town Forest Management plan: Public informational meeting for this property is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th, at the Safety Complex. This can be advertised at the up-coming Lee Fair. Discussed other ways of getting the information out.

Designation of Oyster River, North & Little Rivers: Oyster River folks will meet with the Lee Selectmen on August 23rd to discuss this proposal with them. Apparently the SM are not in favor of the rivers being included in the NH Rivers Management plan. DES is holding a public hearing in Madbury on August 17th at the Madbury Town Hall.

Schulz/Friedlander easement: Bill Humm has written to Land Tech, who prepared the map showing the boundary between Schulz/Friedlander and Fore on Four , requesting costs for locating the markers on that boundary.

Culverts: Bill Humm and Randy Stevens checked culverts in need of repair. There are more than 15 that eventually need repairs. There are 5 that take priority and they will need DES permits. Randy has applied for these. There are 2 on Furber Drive, 1 on Steppingstone East, 1 on Sheep Road and 1 on Mitchell Road.

Lee Fair: Discussed plans for the fair which will be Sept. 11th. Perhaps we could update some of our maps.

Land Protection: Laurel was not at this meeting, so there was no new land protection news.

Next meeting: **Tuesday**, September 7, 2010.

Submitted by Laura Gund