

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of October 4, 2010

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, Tim Moody, Anne Tappan

Ex Officio: None

Visitors: Katherine Fisher and David Shay

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on September 7, 2010, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of September 30, 2010, was \$14,250.38 composed of

LCC Funds	\$10,858.35
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 3,392.03

Easement Monitoring: Monitoring visits to the Sanborn, Misty Meadows, Cox/Randall easements were completed without items of concern. Visits to Aldag and Kelsey easements are planned in October.

Old Business:

Boundary Problem with Shulz/Friedlander Easement: B. Humm reported that the original surveyor of the easement was able to locate one of the boundary pins LCC was unable to find. The other missing pin was not found and has apparently been moved by the activity on the site. The surveyor has replaced the missing pin at the expense of the abutter, Fore-On-Four, and, as a result, shows an encroachment on the easement of approximately 1/20 acre. B. Humm is in the process of negotiating a temporary solution of this problem among the Town, Fore-On-Four, and Schulz/Friedlander which, it is hoped, will eventually result in an elimination of the encroachment.

Trail at Lee Five Corners: The current trail on the property contains a portion on private land. B, Humm discussed the situation with the Town Attorney who suggested that the Town attempt to obtain that portion of the adjoining property. This action will probably require a survey and other formal actions before the trail can be properly defined and the present private landowner given the legal protection that might be required.

Maud Jones Memorial Forest: In the absence of adverse comments from the public it was decided that the proposed plan should be adopted by the LCC. L. Gund moved and A. Hartgerink seconded the motion:

That the Lee Conservation Commission accept the management plan update for the Maud Jones Memorial Forest.

Motion passed unanimously.

Town Forest Management Plan: The general opinion of the LCC was that the public presentation was well-done and informative. There were no adverse comments at the presentation or since. Katherine Fisher, as a frequent visitor to the Forest as a teacher and private person, expressed her appreciation of the proposed plan. Copies of the plan have been made available in the Library and provided to the Board of Selectmen. During the discussion B. Humm stated that in his opinion some items of the plan, in particular the tree harvesting activities, should be presented at Town Meeting for a vote before being scheduled. L. Gund moved and T. Moody seconded a motion:

That Mr. Moreno be paid the sum of \$2,825 from LCC funds to complete the contractual amount for the plan, to provide additional copies of the plan, and to share in the costs of the public presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Start Box Farm (formerly Newick's): The new owners of the property have commenced work on the property and installed a number of culverts in wetland areas without previous consultation with LCC or the Wetlands Board. This action requires a site visit to assess the situation and the degree of restoration which might be appropriate in the disturbed areas of the site. The time of the site visit will be arranged by A, Hartgerink.

American Chestnut: Kevin Shenefiel, the source of the American Chestnut seedlings, has notified B. Humm that the founder of the American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation will be visiting Lee and would like to go to the Town Forest to see the source of the seedlings. In addition, B. Humm stated that the seedlings planted near the Safety Complex are in need of protection. It was decided that D. Weyrick should participate in the visit to the site and be in charge of arranging protection for the seedlings.

Potential New Members of LCC: Both visitors, Katherine Fisher and Dave Shay, expressed interest and willingness to be members, active or alternate, of the Commission. B. Humm will initiate the nomination process with consideration of the needs of the Commission.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2010

Submitted By _____
David Meeker