Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of July 5, 2011

Present:

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

Tappan, Richard Weyrick, Emeritus Member

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

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

Visitors: Tamsin McIver, Ryan Crosbie, 51 Birch Hill Road

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on June 6, 2011, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of June 30, 2011, was \$14,837.22 composed of

LCC Funds \$11,429.67 Dave Allan Fund \$3,407.55

Easement Monitoring: The easements monitored in June were discussed and no problems were noted. L. Gund presented a schedule of visits for July.

LCHIP Interest Payment: B . Humm presented a check for deposit of \$60 representing the LCC share of LCHIP annual interest.

Lee 5 Corners Reserve: R. Weyrick reported on a meeting with Adam Fogg, surveyor, who will seek to locate the boundary pins marking the boundary with the Dembowitz property. R. Weyrick will send a sketch of the property clearly showing what part of the boundary is in question.

Maud Jones Memorial Forest: Red paint for marking boundary trees has been ordered. Abutters will be notified by letter of the upcoming boundary demarcation and invited to participate in the activity.

PSNH Activity: PSNH has notified the LCC of their plans to remove/replace a number of transmission line poles in an area west of Rt. 125 and north of Pinkham Road. A. Hartgerink volunteered to visit the site.

Land Protection and Community Development Report: L. Cox presented a report of her activities concerning land protection and community development. In particular, she reported on the meeting at which plans for a Workforce Housing development on the Goss property was discussed.

Old Business:

Bannister Property at 5 Mast Road: The Lee BOS has asked LCC to support a contribution from the Land Use Change Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the property. A purchase price of \$179,000 has been agreed upon by the BOS and Mr. Bannister and approximately \$4,000 in transaction costs is expected. There was considerable discussion primarily concerning the impact the purchase might have on the Lee Bog. A. Hartgerink noted that as town-owned property it would not be subject to the wetland protection regulations now applicable to it as privately-owned. This could reduce protection of the Bog. The possibility of a clause in the purchase agreement which would give LCC some authority over the use of the property relative to bog protection was discussed. A. Tappan moved and L. Gund seconded the following motion:

"The Lee Conservation Commission agrees to support the use of funds from the Land Use Change Capital Reserve Fund up to 50% of the purchase price of \$179,000 and 50% of the transaction costs to acquire 5 Mast Road, Lee, NH. Because the Town has dedicated the source of these funds to land protection and conservation, the Commission's agreement is based on the understanding that future uses of the property will be consistent with protection of the Lee Bog and sound conservation principles and practice. The Commission looks forward to working with the Board of Selectmen to develop a protocol to accomplish this."

The motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the BOS.

Strafford County Conservation District Funding: SCCD seeks funds of approximately 50% of past funding from the towns in the district. The amount requested of Lee is \$1,500. After discussion it was agreed that LCC could afford a contribution. L. Gund moved and A. Hartgerink seconded the motion:

"The Lee Conservation Commission will contribute \$1,000 to support SCCD activities for the remainder of the year."

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

McIver Property: Tamsin McIver presented a plan for an addition to her home at 51 Birch Hill Road. While the planned extension will be in the area excluded from the conservation easement on her property, it, potentially, lies within the prescribed setback from a wetlands area. Members of LCC will visit the site on Wednesday, July 6, at 9am.

Nominees for Oyster River and Lamprey River Advisory Committees: The NH Department of Environmental Services is seeking nominations to the two advisory committees being formed as a consequence of the action including the Oyster River and formerly excluded portions and tributaries of the Lamprey River in the state's river protection program. They are hoping to attract volunteers with business, river sports, or environmental experience. B. Humm reported that David Shay, who has natural resource and education experience, has volunteered to serve on the ORAC.

Possible Wetlands Violation: L. Gund noted that there may be filling of wetlands at the rear of the Eliminator property on Rt. 125. After discussion of this issue, L. Gund agreed to inform A. Dennis, Code Enforcement Officer, of the issue.

Next Meeting	g: Date, 2011	
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•	David Meeker	