

**Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 2013**

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, Tim Moody, David Shay, Richard Weyrick, Emeritus Member

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on December 3, 2012, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of December 31, 2012, was \$11,688.19

composed of

LCC Funds \$8,231.24

Dave Allan Fund \$3,456.95

Kennard Property on Stepping Stone Road: Scott Heath's initial appraisal of a potential 40 acre easement on this property is \$171,000. No other information is available at this time.

Unclassified Lands Management: B. Humm reported that the Selectmen prefer to have a public meeting to inform the Town of the potential sale of three of the properties identified. They are also considering the setting of a minimum bid for the property near Wheelwright Pond. The possibility of including some type of wildlife protective covenant in a future deed to this property was discussed with A. Dennis. B. Humm will discuss this possibility with the Selectmen.

Ath-Mor Easement: The purchase of the easement was finalized on December 31.

Lamprey River Symposium: The 6th Lamprey River Symposium will be held at UNH Memorial Union on Friday, January 11.

Lee Agriculture and Conservation News: The LCC will provide 25% of the cost of the publication.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Barn on Misty Meadows Easement: The request for permission to construct a barn on the easement was discussed. It was decided that the construction would be in compliance with the easement agreement. B. Humm will inform the Planning Board of this fact.

Oyster River Corridor Management Plan: A request has been received for a contribution to support Kyle Pimental, Regional Planner from Strafford County, in the development of a management plan for the Oyster River Corridor in the period from April, 2013, to August, 2014. D. Shay moved: "That the LCC contribute \$1,000 to the development of the management plan with \$500 from the Commission's funds and \$500 from the Dave Allan Fund." The motion was seconded by T. Moody and passed unanimously. The Strafford Regional Planning Committee will inform LCC when and to whom the check should be written.

Fallen Oak on Oyster River Reserve: R. Weyrick reported that a N. Red Oak of substantial size fell on the day of the recent earthquake. The downed tree fell in good condition and a neighbor with a sawmill seeks to purchase it. R. Weyrick will obtain an estimate of the value of the tree and B. Humm will recommend the sale to the Board of Selectmen.

Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund: At the next Town Budget Hearing B. Humm will request that \$10,000 be added to the Fund in each of the next few years.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2013

Submitted By _____

David Meeker