

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of April 1, 2013

Present:

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

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on March 4, 2013, approved as written.

UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of March 31, 2013, was \$9,678.74 composed of

LCC Funds	\$6,219.95
Dave Allan Fund	\$3,458.79

ZBA Activities: A. Hartgerink reported that the ZBA postponed a decision on the request for a variance by the Dollar General Store at the Lee Circle because of a concern for the amount of impervious surface proposed in the construction plans. A final decision is pending perhaps based on changes in the proposal that will address this concern.

Code Enforcement: The Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Allan Dennis, has retired.

Conservation Lands Management: Boundary and trail marking in the **Maud Jones Memorial Forest** will be scheduled by R. Weyrick in consultation with Don Quigley. A. Hartgerink and C. Fisher reported that there have been changes made on the Yellow Trail in the **Town Forest** (see below). B. Humm has located an infestation of Oriental Bittersweet in an area adjacent to the **Stevens Field**. A work party will be scheduled to investigate the area and cut the vines to facilitate more effective spraying in the Fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reappointment: It is expected that Dave Shay, William Humm, and Antoinette Hartgerink will be reappointed to the Lee Conservation Commission at the next meeting of the Town's Select Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trail Policies and Responsibilities on Town-Owned Land: After some discussion of the situation arising from the changes made in the Yellow Trail and LCC's statutory responsibility for ensuring the Town's compliance with conservation easements on Town-owned lands, it was decided that a policy must be developed and promulgated which defines the responsibilities of the Conservation Commission, the Select Board, and the Recreation Commission with regard to trails on Town-owned land. C. Fisher will draft a note to be published in the E-Crier and B. Humm will make the initial contact with the Recreation Commission and schedule a joint meeting to discuss these issues.

Library Building Committee: B. Humm has received a request from the Trustees of the Library to be informed of any building restrictions that might apply to the Stevens Field. A meeting with the Library Trustees is scheduled for Monday, April 8, in order to inform them of specific details pertaining to the property. A preliminary meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 9am at the site.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2013

Submitted By _____

David Meeker