

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of July 1, 2013

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, Anne Tappan, Richard Weyrick, Emeritus Member

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

Ex Officio:

Visitors: Mike Sieburt, MJS Engineering, Walter Cheney, Cheney Properties

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on June 3, 2013, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of June 31, 2013, was \$7,917.81 composed of

LCC Funds \$4,611.01

Dave Allan Fund \$3,306.80

ZBA Report: B. Humm reported that the ZBA has approved the variances requested by S & J Transportation for the construction on their property.

Hauslein Property: Jones & Beach Engineering are preparing plans for a development composed of 27 house lots. There is a possibility of a conservation easement on the property and a preliminary easement appraisal is expected soon. When available, the appraisal will provide the heirs of Mr. Hauslein with the information needed to decide on the future of the property. An easement could add to the potential "Tri-Town Greenway" which has been under discussion for several years.

Easement Monitoring: The Ath-Mor, Talley, Barth, and Aldag easements were monitored in June and no problems were encountered. The following easement visits have been scheduled: Brady (section off Hobbs Lane) on 7/3, Demeritt Hill Farm on 7/10, Mills (formerly Claridge) on 7/17, Fogg on 7/24, and Grumbling on 7/31.

Conservation Lands Management: The proposed walk with abutters on the **Maud Jones Memorial Forest** will be rescheduled. The pulling attack on the buckthorn at **Lee Five Corners** will be scheduled in September or October. The plan for spraying the Oriental Bittersweet on the **Town Forest** is progressing. BioSpray is seeking a permit for spraying in August. It was decided that the public should be informed via the E-Crier and B. Humm will notify the Select Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lee Trail Policy: A "Memorandum of Understanding" concerning trail policies will be discussed with the Recreation Commission at a meeting on July 2.

Lee's Semiquincentennial Celebration: L. Gund will represent the LCC (and other commissions) at the first meeting of the organizational committee on July 10. A. Tappan suggested that some of the Commissions usual activities (e.g., trail walks) may be appropriate for the celebration.

Lee Fair: L. Gund will also represent the LCC on the planning committee for the fair to be held adjacent to Mast Way School on September 7. The Commission will follow its usual custom and provide one or more nature walks in the Town Forest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheney Development Off Pinkham Road: Mr. Cheney and Mr. Sieburt described a proposed development off Pinkham Road consisting of 35 house lots and a possible 12-15 acres of commercial property. A new road (with width of 22 feet of paved surface) is planned and would extend into the wetlands buffer region through much of its length. A site walk to assess the proposal is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 9am.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2013

Submitted By _____
David Meeker