

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of August 5, 2013

Present:

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

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

Ex Officio:

Visitors: Charles Goodstein, N. Lee Properties and Eliminator Systems, Inc., Tobin Farwell, Farwell Engineering Services, Wade Belanger, Boy Scout.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on July 1, 2013, approved with corrections.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of July 31, 2013, was \$10,417.81 composed of

LCC Funds \$7,111.01

Dave Allan Fund \$3,306.80

Cheney Property On Pinkham Road: A visit to the site resulted in notification of Mr. Cheney of request to visit the bog on the property, perhaps on September 14.

Hauslein Property: Scott Heath presented an initial appraisal of \$590,000 for an easement on the 84.4 acres in Lee.

Easement Monitoring: Visits to the Brady, Demeritt Hill Farm, Claridge/Mills, Misty Meadows/Fogg, and Grumbling easements. No problems were discovered. Scheduled visits in August are Henry (8/7), Ryan Crosbie (8/14), Hutton (8/21), Kelsey (8/28), and McLean, Hartgerink, and Short (9/4).

Conservation Lands Management: D. Quigley has scheduled his guided walk in MJMF on August 17. Abutters will be notified by mail and an announcement will be placed in the Town's E-Crier. The pulling of the Glossy Buckthorn at Lee 5 Corners has been postponed until September. Spraying of the Oriental Bittersweet on the Town Forest by Bio-Spray is awaiting a permit from NHDES. B. Humm suggested that, given approval by the Select Board, that this event should be used to educate the general public through the E-Crier. C. Fisher suggested that such an article should include contact information for the appropriate NH agency.

Burley-Demeritt Property: D. Meeker noted that the LRAC has expressed interest in a conservation easement on the property if the possibility arises.

Lee Fair September 7: LCC will have a table at the Fair and have information on invasive species and other topics for visitors. The current Co-Occurrence Map will be on display. C. Fisher and D. Weyrick will conduct nature walks in the Town Forest trails at 1pm and 3pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Trail Policy: B. Humm reported that he had discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding the trails on the Town's property has been discussed with the Recreation Commission and that the current draft can now be presented to the Select Board. He and the Chair of the Recreation Commission plan on presenting the draft MOU to the Select Board on August 18.

Joe Ford Property: The Town Attorney has asked that the LCC provide B. Humm with the authority to sign the closing documents on behalf of the Town. D. Shay made the appropriate motion which was seconded by L. Gund and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eliminator Systems: T. Farwell presented a proposal for development on Mr. Goodstein's property along Stepping Stones Road involving a 60' x 60' warehouse on what he expects to be classed as a commercial zone development. This construction requires a significant reduction in current setbacks from roads and wetland soils. Three "rain gardens" are proposed to reduce runoff from the area. The project also includes well and septic system construction on the site. Mr. Farwell states that the

project will follow current “best practices” and be certified by the appropriate State of NH agencies. A visit to the site is scheduled for August 6 at 1pm.

Wade Belanger Eagle Scout Project: Wade Belanger proposes to build and place appropriate signage along the trails in the Town Forest. C. Fisher and A. Hartgerink offered to serve as consultants to the project.

Reduction of Nitrogen Runoff By Woodchip Barriers: A. Hartgerink described a possible approach to the reduction of nitrogen flow from septic systems into flowing groundwater streams by using wood chips in some fashion. After some discussion the general opinion was that this procedure, as now understood, did not seem appropriate for the Hartgerink property.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2013

Submitted By _____
David Meeker