

**Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of January 6, 2014**

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, David Shay, Anne Tappan

Visitors: Donald Anderson and Karen MacDonald of 50 Northside Road, Wheelwright Pond; Thomas Gialousis, Builder, Susan Faretra, Clean Solutions, Don Quigley

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on December 2, 2013, approved with corrections.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of December 31, 2013, was \$5,759.67 composed of

LCC Funds \$3,443.88

Dave Allan Fund \$3,315.79

Lamprey River Floodplain Mapping: Presentation at the Safety Complex at 10AM, January 9.

Lamprey River Symposium: Meeting at UNH MUB at 9:00AM, January 10.

Lee Deliberative Session: Mast Way School at 9AM, February 1.

ZBA Report: A. Hartgerink reported that the Callioras request for construction at the Lee Circle was approved.

Conservation Lands Management: A dug well has been discovered at the Little River Reserve near the monitoring well established by consultants associated with Durham's Spruce Hole project as a control site for possible environmental changes in Chesley Brook. The well appears to be inactive but its history needs to be determined.

2014 Conservation Newsletter: It appears that the newsletter will be very sparse as financial support is lacking. The proposed purchase of the Kennard property will be the primary topic but additional information from the Heritage and Agricultural commissions may be included.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kennard Property: B. Humm presented a draft warrant article for the purchase of the property. A suggestion was made that the fact that the purchase would require no additional tax to the Town should be emphasized.

Timber Harvesting on Maud Jones Memorial Forest: Don Quigley presented a plan for timber harvesting and a draft contract form describing the conditions and objectives of the harvest. He has identified at least two logging contractors who have expressed interest in the project and who also agree to allow the Commission to conduct educational activities associated with the harvest. As planned, the harvesting on the three selected sites is intended to provide an environment for early succession species. He proposes to conduct the harvest during January and February of 2014. B. Humm will contact the Select Board and schedule a joint visit to the site with members of the Board and the Commission and Mr. Quigley to discuss details of the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anderson Camp Conversion, 50 Northside Road: Mr. Anderson seeks to convert his camp on Wheelwright Pond into a four-season home by the addition of a garage and mudroom, constructing two retaining walls on the Pond side of the structure, and adding a state-approved septic system. The lot lies completely in the shore-land protection zone. A site visit is scheduled for 2PM on January 9.

Rebuilding a Seasonal Cottage, 89 Steppingstones Road: Tom Gialousis described a proposed rebuilding of a cottage on the property of Gary and Toni Smith. It is proposed to rebuild on the footprint of the existing camp but with a rise in elevation to avoid water damage. S. Faretra described the "Clean Solution" septic system that needs only a 7.5ft x 10ft stone and pipe effluent disposal area (raised above the water table). The septic tank is designed to, and will be positioned to, continue to function even in flood conditions. As the rebuilt cottage is not to be a four-season residence and is planned for only intermittent summer occupation, the proposed septic system should be underutilized. The entire construction zone is within the shoreland protection zone. A site visit is scheduled for 3:15PM on January 9.

Construction at Lee Traffic Circle: B. Humm has been sent a wetlands dredge and fill application for construction of additional lanes at the Route 4/Route 125 traffic circle. D. Shay agreed to review the application and D. Weyrick will, it is hoped, assist in the evaluation.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2014

Submitted By _____
David Meeker