

**Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of February 3, 2014**

Present:

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

Alternate Members: Catherine Fisher

Visitors: Sean P. McDowell and Chris Nadeau of Nobis Engineering, Kyle Pimental of Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Peter Schauer of Schauer Environmental, and Amanda Gourgue, 61 Thompson Mill Road

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on January 6, 2014, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of January 31, 2014, was \$6,759.67 composed of

LCC Funds	\$3,443.88
Dave Allan Fund	\$3,315.79

Conservation Lands Management: Don Quigley is scheduled to meet with the Select Board on February 3 to discuss the proposed timber harvest project on **Maud Jones Memorial Forest**. The Town's administrator has asked for some changes in the insurance requirement of the draft contractor agreement. D. Quigley will seek logging contractors who are interested in the project. B. Humm presented a draft document for the notification of abutters to the MJMF of the upcoming harvest.

Monitoring Well at Little River Preserve: The history of the recently discovered dug well on the site remains a mystery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kennard Property: B. Humm stated that Laurel Cox will develop a mailer to be sent to all Lee residents describing the property and the details of the proposed purchase by the Town. It was agreed that the printing and postal charges for the mailing should be paid by the Dave Allan Fund created by the Friends of Lee Open Space and others.

Campership: L. Gund reported that Quinn Griffith has applied for the 2014 campership. Given the early date it was decided that another announcement of the campership opportunity should be placed in the E-Crier before a final selection is made. L. Gund will place the announcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oyster River Management Plan: Kyle Pimental discussed the effort to include the Oyster River in the NH Rivers Protection Program and the appointment of a local advisory committee for the river. He is preparing a questionnaire to be sent to landowners within the ¼ mile zone around the river to assess public awareness and priorities and general awareness of the potential problems facing the Oyster River. It is expected that these efforts will ultimately result in an official management plan for the river. He also mentioned the "Green Pro" program at the UNH Storm Water Center which is working to develop procedures for the reduction of Na/Cl runoff to the region's rivers. B. Humm noted that the well-documented increased risk of flooding in the region lends importance to the need to carefully consider the possible impact of replacement or new construction upon future flooding events.

Dollar General Store at Lee Traffic Circle: Chris Nadeau discussed a proposal for a 9,100 sqft building with 30 parking spaces on a 1.3 acre site at 60 Concord Road. Mr. Schauer described the area of poorly drained wet soils newly discovered during the test pit procedure for the septic field. It was found that while the soil shows wet soil mottling near the surface, the ground water was some 48" below the surface. He believes that the site was once in a wetsoils area but has since been drained by construction and drainage associated with the construction of Route 4. A. Hartgerink will visit the site and prepare a report for the ZBA.

Stafford County Conservation District: B. Humm reported that Vicky Strafford, District Manager of the SCCD, has written a letter offering to assist the Town in a variety of activities.

Route 125 Crossing of Oyster River: B. Humm has been sent a copy of the Dredge and Fill Application by the NH DOT for the rehabilitation of the current culvert system.

Frog Walk: C. Fisher has offered to conduct a Frog Walk in the spring and mentioned the possibility of a "Moth Walk" by an acquaintance later in the season.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2014

Submitted By _____
David Meeker