

## **Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 3, 2014**

### **Present:**

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

**Alternate Members:** Catherine Fisher

**Visitors:** Laurel Cox, Sharon Meeker, Lamprey River Advisory Committee, Amanda Gourgue, 61 Thompson Mill Road

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on February 3, 2014, approved as written.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of February 28, 2014, was \$5,410.20 composed of

LCC Funds	\$2,091.45
Dave Allan Fund	\$3,318.75

**Conservation Lands Management:** The logging operation on the **Maud Jones Memorial Forest** is proceeding according to plan. A walk was held on March 1 for 9 townsfolk. Another walk is planned for March 8 and it is expected to include an exhibition of logging with horses. The logging operation will be completed by March 5. The stumpage fees of \$250/1K bd. ft. of hard wood, \$150/1K bd.ft. of pine, and \$20/cord of firewood will yield approximately \$3,500 for the Town. The landing used for this harvest was the same used in 1983 and will be available for any future timber harvest. A. Tappan suggested that R. Weyrick and Don Quigley submit a report on the logging operation to the Town's e-Crier.

**Stewardship Network:** A program is being developed to mobilize volunteers for natural resource stewardship and an organizing meeting will be held at the Lee Safety Complex, 8-10am, Tuesday, March 18. The first activity in Lee is a planned "Garlic-Mustard Pulling" to be held on May 3.

**Saving Special Places:** The annual conference will be held at Laconia on April 5.

**Oyster River Management Plan:** A plan is under development. A. Tappan noted that snow removal procedures on the Market Basket lot at Lee Circle do not follow the requirement agreed to in the initial construction application. D. Shay will bring this information to the ORAC which is developing the management plan.

**Expiring Terms:** The terms of D. Meeker, A. Tappan, T. Moody, and C. Fisher are expiring. Each agreed to serve another term and applications for reappointment were distributed to each for completion and submission to the Town Secretary.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kennard Property:** The Commission expressed its thanks to Laurel Cox for the well-designed mailer sent to inform the Town about the proposed purchase of the property. A UNH class of ecology majors visited the property on February 23 and 28 with plans to compile a report concerning opportunities of ecological and historical development of the property for submission to the Town in May.

**Wade Belanger Eagle Scout Project:** W. Belanger will meet with his Eagle Board on March 19 and asked that the Commission confirm his completion of the project. The Commission expressed their complete satisfaction with the project and thanked him for his planning and work in its successful completion. B. Humm was authorized to inform the Board of the Commission's complete satisfaction with the project.

**Barry Conservation Camperships:** L. Gund reported that she received a request for a campership from Colleen Heath who lives on Lee Hook Road. L. Gund will request further information from Colleen and decide if she and Quinn Griffith will both be awarded camperships. The Commission passed a motion authorizing the awarding of two camperships if that is judged appropriate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Small Grants Program:** S. Meeker described the recent activities of the LRAC and outlined the details of its Small Grants Program. She solicited applications to be submitted to the Program by March 31 in support of activities with costs up to \$5,000 that can be completed by October 31, 2014. She noted that topics for the grants might include culvert problems, river protection activities, or educational activities. She also informed the Commission that the revised Management Plan for the Lamprey River is available on the internet.

**Next Meeting: April 7, 2014**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
David Meeker