

# Lee Conservation Commission

## Minutes of Meeting of May 4, 2015

**Present:**

**Members:** Antoinette Hartgerink, Catherine Fisher, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, David Shay, Anne Tappan, Richard Weyrick, Emeritus Member

**Visitors:** Jim Warden, 20 Tamarack Road, Caren Rossi, Health Officer for Town of Lee; Kimberly Foss and Justin Adams of Swamp, Inc..

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on April 6, 2015, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of April 30, 2015, was \$6,404.94 composed of

LCC Funds	\$4,013.03
Dave Allan Fund	\$2,391.91

**Easement Monitoring:** Visits to the two Stevens easements were made with no issue of concern found. A visit to the Old Mill Reserve found several items of concern which B. Humm will report to the NH DES. Visits scheduled for May are: Short and Garrity Reserve (5/6), Aldag (5/13), Barth and Crosbie (5/20), and Jenkins (5/27).

**Kennard Farm Acquisition:** Remaining problems in the P&S Agreement are under negotiation.

**Barry 4H Camp:** Mark Jacobs, wetland scientist, has graciously provided this year's campership fee. Alex Malaison of Garrity Road is the 2015 recipient.

**Frog and Woodcock Walks:** A. Tappan and C. Fisher reported on their recent nature walks which were, generally, well-attended and appreciated.

**Japanese Knotweed on Mast Road:** B. Humm has notified NH DOT of the infestation and suggested that they develop an eradication program for the site.

**Conservation Lands Management:** The grant to support invasive species spraying on the Rothwell property has been submitted to the LRAC Small Grants Program. Since its submission B. Humm has been informed that Rockingham County Supervisors have decided that Lennie Lord will not be able to do work in Strafford County and so another licensed herbicide applicator will need to be identified if the grant is awarded.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Trails in Town-Owned Lands:** R. Weyrick presented a draft of a spreadsheet summary of the trails in the various town-owned properties. The summary was discussed and approved.

**Conservation Commission By-Laws:** B. Humm presented a draft of the by-laws for the Commission and asked the members to review the draft and be prepared to discuss and revise it at the next meeting.

**LRAC Lamprey River Multi-Town Path:** The Commission discussed the request of the LRAC representatives for advice on areas along the river that are of special significance. It was decided that all who are involved in monitoring visits along the river should be aware of this issue and seek to identify sections which would be either appropriate or inappropriate for the trail planning effort.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Variance For Construction at 20 Tamarack Road:** Mr. Warden proposes to convert an existing small uncovered landing into a larger (12'x14') enclosed mud room. The construction will be within the wetlands protection area and, for that reason, requires a variance from the ZBA. A site visit is scheduled for Monday, May 11, at 10:30am.

**Trash Behind 5 Mast Road:** It was noted that considerable trash has accumulated behind 5 Mast Road adjacent to the wetland area around the Lee Bog. B. Humm will inform the Planning Board of this issue and ask them to contact the owner to arrange removal.

**Trapping of Mosquitoes in Lee Bog:** Kimberly Foss and Justin Adams of Swamp Inc. presented their proposal to monitor and test the population of mosquitoes and mosquito larva in the Lee Bog for EEE and other diseases. They plan on one overnight trap set per week from July 1 through October. After some discussion and with the concordance of the Health Officer it was decided to recommend this program to the Select Board for their approval.

**Next Meeting: June 1, 2015**

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