

# Lee Conservation Commission

## Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2015

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

**Alternate Members:** Amanda Gourgue

**Visitor:** L. Cox, Randall Farm

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on June 1, 2015, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of June 30, 2015, was \$6,379.94 composed of

LCC Funds	\$3,988.03
Dave Allan Fund	\$2,391.91

**Easement Monitoring:** Visits were made to the Sanborn, Grumbling, Verrette, Blickle, Kelsey, and James Farm easements and no items of concern were found except an extensive area of invasive species along the James Farm Trail. After some discussion it was decided that a campaign of eradication could serve as an educational event for the local homeowners and their association. D. Shay will organize this effort. Upcoming visits are scheduled for the Brady (7/8), Mills/Claridge (7/15), DeMeritt Hill Farm (7/22), Mills Little River Park and Lee Little River Park (7/29), Schulz/Friedlander (8/5), and Riverside Farm (8/12) easements.

**Kennard Farm Acquisition:** The acquisition was stopped by the Select Board when they did not move to encumber the money needed for the purchase at their last meeting in May. A. Tappan presented a record of events associated with the efforts to complete the Purchase and Sales Agreement. This review was the basis for a considerable discussion of the situation as it developed following the Town's vote to purchase the property. B. Humm reported that Mr. Kennard has written expressing his interest in working with another organization to protect his property in the future.

**Mosquito Monitoring at Lee Bog:** Monitoring has started and any results will be communicated to the Town.

**Conservation Land Management:** The grant for spraying invasive species on the **Rothwell easement** has been approved for \$2,000 under some conditions imposed by LRAC. C. Fisher expressed some concern for the presence of the large Norway maple on the property. B. Humm has discussed the invasive species infestation on the **Joe Ford Nature Reserve** with BioSpray and after contacting the easement holder he is confident that a permit for spraying can be obtained and the project completed in the near future. The deterioration of the fences remains an item of concern. D. Meeker will investigate the current situation to determine if repair is feasible. B. Humm reported that a small amount of legal work should be sufficient to include the **vernal pool in the Town Forest** in the existing easement. Such an action would require a vote by the Town. C. Fisher stated that a group associated with Mast Way School is dedicated to raising funds for this project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Oyster River/ Lamprey River Inter-Town Trails:** Strafford Regional Planning is presenting their current plans for a footpath in the river corridors on Wednesday, July 15, 10 A.M. at the Lee Safety Complex.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lee Town Fair:** The Fair is scheduled for September 12. As B. Humm will not be available for the next regular meeting of the Commission the September meeting will be moved ahead until August 31 and activities for the fair will be discussed at that time. A. Tappan stated that all Commissions having a booth at the fair should include activities for children in their planning.

**Dave Allan Fund:** A. Tappan suggested that the fund should be more formal. This will be discussed in the future. A group consisting of A. Tappan, D. Meeker, C. Fisher, and A. Gourgue was asked to consider this issue. A. Tappan suggested that a group like FLOS, the prime donor to the fund, would, if reorganized, be helpful in the future in support in the conservation of land and open space.

**Little River Park:** C. Fisher discussed the need for a bridge across the wet areas on the main trail. In discussing this issue it was noted that it is a significant and formidable task which will require a coordinated effort by the Conservation and Recreation Commissions of the Town.

**Next Meeting: August 31, 2015**

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