

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of November 2, 2015

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

Alternate Member: Amanda Gourgue

Visitor: Nathan Couse, 175 Tuttle Road

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on October 5, 2015, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of October 31, 2015, was \$ composed of

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

Easement Monitoring: The **Cox, Randall, Palmer, Hutton, and Hartgerink/Lee** easements were visited. No issues of concern were found. B. Humm noted that the parties involved in the “Four-on-Four” encroachment on the **Schulz/Friedlander** easement are meeting to resolve the problem. The minor issues relating to the **Ellis Oyster River Reserve** are being resolved as is the debris found on the **Fogg** easement.

Conservation Lands Management: Bio-Spray will be spraying on the **Rothwell Reserve** on October 14. Now that a price for the spraying is available, B. Humm will report to the LRAC concerning the refund of surplus funds. Garrity Road residents plan on repairing the fence on the **Joe Ford Nature Reserve**. Don Quigley has informed the Commission that the management plan for the **Maud Jones Memorial Forest** needs to be updated following the recent timber harvest. A. Hartgerink, C. Fisher, and R. Weyrick will seek to clarify some issues concerning the trail network on the **Town Forest**.

Powder Major Farm (Goss Property): B. Humm reported that approximately 30 individuals participated in the SPNHF program on October 31 to introduce the project to the public. The project was well-presented and a walk over some of the property was conducted. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, December 9, to introduce the project to the Town and seek its participation in the project. (See below)

Master Plan Survey: The results of the survey will be presented to the Select Board at their meeting of December 7. The summary results show strong support for continuing efforts to protect the natural resources in the Town through conservation and land protection activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Couse Property Culvert Installation: Mr. Couse seeks to extend an existing 15” in diameter culvert an additional 150’ to control runoff from Tuttle Road across his property at 175 Tuttle Road. A site visit is planned for 9 A.M., Thursday, November 18.

Collection of Herbs on Town Property or Easements: A question has arisen concerning the collection of herbs, other plants, or maple syrup on Town-owned or easement properties. The issues are not clear and after some discussion it was decided that any such request should be formally presented to the Commission so that it can be discussed and presented to other pertinent commissions or agencies.

Powder Major Farm Warrant Article: B. Humm presented a draft warrant article proposing the spending of \$155,000 to support an easement on the portion of the project lying in Lee. The draft was approved.

Public Relations Activities for the Commission: A. Gourgue presented a number of ideas for increasing public support for the Commission’s activities. In particular, she presented a draft letter thanking easement owners and suggesting a date for monitoring visits in the coming year. She also suggested creating FaceBook and Instagram accounts for the Commission. There was general agreement in support of her activities in cyberspace. Other activities were suggested and discussed.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2015

Submitted By _____
David Meeker