

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of January 4, 2016

Present:

Members: Catherine Fisher, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, David Shay, Anne Tappan

Alternate Members: Amanda Gourgue

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on December 2, 2015 approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

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

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

ZBA Report: A. Hartgerink reported that the Trojan application for a variance has been postponed because of a possible conflict in the right-of-way access to the property.

Schulz-Friedlander Easement: B. Humm has an agreement signed by the Fore-On-Four management to be delivered to the owners and the Select Board.

Conservation Lands Management: R. Weyrick is working on an update of the forestry management plan for the Maud Jones Memorial Forest.

Facebook: Thanks were expressed to Amanda Gourgue for the work she has done in creating and managing the Commission's Facebook site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Powder Major Farm: The warrant article for the Town's purchase of a conservation easement on the property has been approved for inclusion in the Draft Warrant by unanimous consent of the Select Board. Following a discussion of methods for informing the public of the advantages of the purchase it was decided to develop informational material to be sent to the public prior to voting day. It is hoped that SPNHF will help with production and distribution costs of the material. B. Humm will develop a draft of a submission to the Lee E-Crier describing the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee Master Plan: A draft of the Commission's contribution to the Master Plan is due by February 1. B. Humm will create a draft to be circulated to D. Meeker, C. Fisher, and A. Tappan. The completed draft will be considered at the February meeting.

NH Fish and Game Proposed Bobcat Season: A. Tappan provided information concerning the bobcat hunting and trapping season proposed by NH F&G. It proposes to award 50 permits by lottery for hunting and trapping of bobcats in 2016. This would be a reopening of a season closed in 1989. Given the history and evident slow recovery of the species the Commission feels that the opening is premature. A motion to support a letter by the Stoddard Conservation Commission opposing the season was made and approved pending confirmation of certain details by A. Tappan. If approved B. Humm will contact the Stoddard Commission to express our support and join in opposition to the proposed season.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker