

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 7, 2016

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

Alternate Members: Amanda Gourgue

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on February 1, 2016, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of February 29, 2016, was \$9,747.73 composed of

LCC Funds	\$7,354.15
Dave Allan Fund	\$2,393.58

ZBA Reports: A. Hartgerink reported on the Trojan application on Osprey Lane. Upon visiting the site to investigate the proposed access road she found that the stakes were, apparently, placed by the owner as some wetlands were included. Subsequently, the wetlands were professionally delineated. A number of abutters attended the ZBA meeting and, after much discussion, the possibility of access from the original private right-of-way was considered. A decision is to be reached at the next ZBA meeting.

Conservation Lands Management: R. Weyrick reported that Don Quigley has filed for recertification of the **MJMF** as a tree farm while its management plan is still being updated. B. Humm reported that there have been some repairs on the fence on the **Joe Ford Wildlife Preserve** but, in the future, all the boards will need to be replaced or the fence removed.

Master Plan: The LCC component of the Town's master plan will be discussed with the Master Plan Committee on Thursday, March 31; B. Humm will attend the meeting.

Tree Cutting on Lee's Scenic Roads: C. Rossi has informed the Commission of a public hearing to discuss utility plans for tree cutting along Cartland Road, Demeritt Avenue, High Road, Birch Hill Road, and Stepping Stones Road to be held at the Safety Complex, March 10, 7pm. B. Humm will represent the Commission at the meeting.

"Saving Special Places": The annual meeting of the organization will be held on April 9 in Alton, NH.

Nature Walks: C. Fisher is planning for frog and woodcock walks as they become feasible. She will publicize the walks in the E-Crier. She also noted that Quinn Griffith is locating sites for the bat houses he has built.

OLD BUSINESS:

Powder Major Farm: The Town's contribution to the project will be voted upon on the March 8 Town Warrant. B. Humm asked that any names of potential contributors to the project be given to him for forwarding to SPNHF. R. Weyrick reported that SPNHF is planning a site walk on the property for May 7.

Barry Conservation Camp: Laura Gund has informed B. Humm that if a campership is to be awarded for 2016 it should be announced publicly. It was decided to continue the program and methods of publication were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Term Expirations: The terms of B. Humm, A. Hartgerink, and D. Shay expire this year. They have all agreed to serve another three-year term on the Commission.

Tick Control: Alan Eaton, former Commission member and State Entomologist, offered advice regarding tick management (the necessity and means of active control) and the need for warning the public who visit Town-owned properties of the danger of tick-borne diseases. Warning signs are available from the U.S. Center for Disease Control. A commercial business has contacted the Town concerning these issues. B. Humm will check with C. Rossi to explore the desirability of such a meeting. During the discussion, it was decided that there should be informative/warning signs at Little River Park.

Commission Website: It appears that the website may need of some updating. Some suggestions were the meeting schedule, the map of conservation lands, and information concerning the trails in Lee. B. Humm suggested that professional assistance might be available. When he meets with a representative of the Barrington Conservation Commission, he will inquire as to their experience with professional website developers. A. Gourgue offered to assist in this effort.

Tibbets Road and Tamposi Reserve: A. Tappan noted that Lee had contributed to Barrington's purchase of the Tamposi Reserve and she suggested that Lee have a representative on the Reserve's management team. B. Humm will enquire about this when he meets with a representative of the Barrington Conservation Commission.

Wildlife Action Plan: A. Tappan suggested that assistance in increasing public support and knowledge of the area's wildlife is available from UNH Cooperative Extension and N.H. Fish and Game.

Contact with The Select Board: It was suggested that the Commission schedule a meeting with the Select Board to provide them with more information concerning its activities within the Town and with the Town's conservation and Town-owned lands.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker