

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of April 4, 2016

Present:

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

Alternate Members: Amanda Gourgue

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Representative of Select Board

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on March 7, 2016, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of March 31, 2016, was \$ composed of

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

Master Plan: The Master Plan Committee met to consider the contributions to the Master Plan by the Commission, the Agriculture Commission, and the Energy Commission on March 31. It expressed its appreciation of the Commission's submission.

Easement Monitoring: B. Humm and R. Weyrick visited the Humphrey easement and, as a result, recommend that a portion of the boundary be re-surveyed and permanently marked. A motion to finance this is described below. A. Gourgue will develop the monitoring schedule for the coming weeks.

Barry Conservation Camp: The Commission did not have a candidate for the campership this year.

Bobcat Trapping Season: In response to considerable opposition expressed by citizens in public hearings the NH Department of Fish and Game is reconsidering its decision to issue 50 licenses for bobcat trapping.

Frog Walks: C. Fisher reported that her Friday evening walk had 9 participants, 3 from Lee, 1 from Stratham, and 5 from Massachusetts. The walk on Saturday resulted in 29 participants making the events very successful. An additional walk is planned for the coming Friday.

Woodcock Viewing: A. Tappan reported that she had observed excellent displays at the Joe Ford Wildlife Refuge (JFWR). She will schedule a public viewing event and announce it in the E-Crier.

Conservation Lands Management: The neighbors have repaired the fence on the JFWR. Some possible signs for the Reserve presented by A. Tappan were discussed as was the possible construction of a kiosk on the site. An item of concern is the amount of dog waste on the Town-owned forest trails. A number of suggestions for addressing this problem were discussed without a conclusion.

Town-Lands Trails: R. Weyrick reported on a meeting of various individuals and groups concerned with trails and their component in the Town's Master Plan. The following discussion considered the advisability of having information on the trails within the Town on the Commission's website. B. Humm will seek information concerning such an action.

Saving Special Places: This annual meeting will be held on April 9 at Alton, NH.

Drinking Water Source Protection: A conference on this topic is to be held at Concord, NH, on May 11.

Coastal NH Climate Summit: A conference considering implication of climate change on NH communities is to be held at the Great Bay Discovery Center on May 13.

OLD BUSINESS:

Powder Major Farm: Martha Twombly of SPNHF is involved in fundraising and seeks help in identifying individuals who will host events to which potential donors can be invited and informed about the project and its financial needs. Members were asked to provide B. Humm with names of individuals who might serve in this manner. SPNHF will hold a public informational walk on the Farm on Saturday, May 7.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion for Boundary Survey on Humphrey Easement: A motion to provide up to \$600 to finance a survey of a portion of the easement boundary was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Servicepalooza by ORMS: Oyster River Middle School students are planning on spending 8:30 to 11:30 on May 12 doing community service projects. The removal of trash and invasive species from the James Farm Easement was suggested as a feasible project for the students as was the removal of bittersweet in the Town Forest. This issue will be resolved at the next meeting of the Commission.

New England Cottontail Rabbits: The Commission will join with Cooperative Extension and NH Fish and Game in sponsoring a conference on April 27 at the Lee Safety Complex.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker