

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of August 1, 2016

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

Alternate Member: Amanda Gourgue

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on July 5, 2016, approved with corrections.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of June 30, 2016, was \$9,876.09 composed of

LCC Funds	\$7,481.68
Dave Allan Fund	\$2,394.41

ZBA Report: A letter, drafted by A. Hartgerink, concerning the construction of a “hoop” greenhouse at Pawtuckaway Nursery was approved.

Trails on Town Lands: B. Humm presented a map of the trail in the **Maud Jones Memorial Forest** prepared by Strafford Regional Planning. D. Weyrick noted that a number of waypoints of interest on the trail exist but do not appear on the map. He also presented a copy of the summary maps on which trail data on Town Lands will be presented. There was a discussion of the current map showing trails in the Town Forest.

Easement Monitoring: Visits were made to the Riverside Farm, Claridge/Mills, DeMerrit Hill Farm, Palmer/Taylor, Mills Little River Park, and Lee Little River Reserve easements in the past month without finding any item of concern. In the coming month visits are scheduled as follows: Schulz/Friedlander (8/3), McLane and Quigley (8/17), Talley (8/24), and Fogg (8/31). In addition, Caren Rossi will visit the Cook/Schultz easement.

Education and Outreach: C. Fisher will conduct a nature walk at Little River Park on Saturday, August 6.

Conservation Lands Management: The Norway maples on the **Rothwell Reserve** have been taken down but brush from Mr. Doane’s activities has yet to be removed. Mr. Doane has been informed of this. B. Humm will notify the Commission when Bio-Spray will be spraying at various sites in the Town. The problem of the Japanese knotweed in the loam pile at **Little River Park** is being addressed by Randy Stevens, Anne Tappan, and Bill Humm. A. Tappan stated that she would like to inform NH Electrical Coop of the need to address the invasive species flourishing throughout their right-of-way across the **Joe Ford Wildlife Refuge**. After discussion it was agreed that she should make this contact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Leash Policy on Town Lands: The Select Board has solicited comments from the Commission concerning possible changes in the current policy. During the discussion C. Fisher noted that she only knows of one dog fight with leashed or unleashed dogs. After further discussion it was decided that the current requirement that the dog be under the owner’s control is sufficient and that the Town should periodically inform the public of this condition and, also, the need to collect and remove dog waste from Town Lands. B. Humm will draft a summary of the Commission’s opinion and present it to the Select Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Fair September 10: C. Fisher reported on some change in her plans due to the change in venue to the Little River Park but stated that there will be sufficient activities for the day including an invasive species display and a treasure hunt/nature walk.

Donation from Mast Way School: Teachers and parents of 2nd and 4th grades of Mast Way School have donated \$410 for upkeep of the trails in the Town Forest. B. Humm will write letters of thanks to two 2nd grade teachers and one 4th grade teacher.

Contact Person: C. Fisher will act as contact person during B. Humm’s coming absence.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker