

## **Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of September 6, 2016**

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

**Alternate Members:** Amanda Gourgue

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on August 1, 2016 were not available for consideration due to misadventure.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of August 30, 2016, was \$15,587.53 composed of

LCC Funds	\$12,782.86
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 2,804.67

**Thanks to Mast Way Teachers:** Letters thanking the Mast Way teachers for the contribution to the Commission for upkeep of the Town Forest were approved and given to C. Fisher for delivery.

**Easement Monitoring:** Monitoring visits were made to the Schulz/Friedlander, Old Mill Reserve, Quigley, McLane, Talley, and Fogg easements. The only finding of concern is the pile of material on the Fogg easement that has not yet been totally removed. A letter of concern has been written concerning the previously noted pile and another item of possible future concern. Visits are planned for the Henry (9/7), Daley (9/14), Randall Farm (9/21) easements and the Ellis Oyster River Reserve (9/28) to complete the monitoring task for 2016.

**Conservation Lands Management:** Permits have been granted for spraying of invasive species on the **Ford Wildlife Preserve** and the **Rothwell Reserve** and Bio-Spray will complete the spraying in the near future. The Japanese knotweed on the slope beyond the playing field in **Little River Park** has been sprayed by Bio-Spray. Randy Steven is spreading loam from the infested pile but will be watching for and removing any sprouts of knotweed that appear.

**Explore Powder Major's Farm Day:** SPNHF is planning a day of activities on October 15 to further introduce and increase interest and support for the project in the 3 towns and surrounding area.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Upcoming Town Fair:** C. Fisher has arranged for a tent and tables. She has assembled "bags of swag" for the treasure hunt which she and Dick Weyrick will conduct. Members of the Commission will meet at 8:30 to set up the display. Examples of invasive species are to be provided by various members.

**Map of Town Conservation Lands:** B. Humm has a copy of the updated map provided by Strafford Regional Planning. He will seek to obtain copies of the map in a larger format.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meeting with Select Board:** The Select Board has requested a meeting of Commission and Committee Chairs and other interested parties to discuss construction of a new Town Hall on the Stevens Field. B. Humm will discuss the presence of a nearby vernal pool and its implication for development on the site.

**Soil Piles at Little River Park:** After discussion of comments made at a recent Select Board meeting concerning soil piles at Little River Park it was decided that the Board should be made aware of the Commission's objection to pushing dirt up the slopes around the park because that could negatively impact the current regrowth of plants on the slopes and increase the probability of erosion and colonization by invasive species.

**Next Meeting: October 6, 2016**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

David Meeker