

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of October 6, 2016

Present Members: Catherine Fisher, Antoinette Hartgerink, Chairman Bill Humm, David Meeker, Anne Tappan

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Representative of Select Board

Visitor: Scott Mills, 4 Thompson Mill Road

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on August 1, 2016, approved as written and those of September 6, 2016 approved with corrections.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the LCC account as of September 30, 2016, was \$14,838.20 composed of

LCC Funds	\$12,033.41
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 2,804.79

Discussion of Town Office Location: The Select Board is meeting with the Facilities Committee to discuss possible locations for Town offices in the future.

Easement Monitoring: Monitoring visits were made to the Henry, Cox/Randall, and Daley easements in the past month. No item of concern was found. A visit to the Ellis Oyster River Easement will be made as soon as possible. It was noted that a utility power line across the **Palmer** easement has such low clearance that it is a potential hazard to activities on the property. B. Humm will notify the appropriate utility authorities of the situation.

Kennard Property Purchase: A. Tappan reported that the purchase of the property by SELT will be completed by the end of September, 2017. She noted that SELT is still seeking financial support from the Town to provide enhanced public access.

Education/Outreach: A. Tappan has been organizing public information for SPNHF's **Powder Major's Farm** event on October 15 in Lee's E-Crier and elsewhere. She has arranged for a tent, tables, and chairs for the day and will organize the Commission's display of invasive species and other items.

Community News: Wendy Fogg and others have organized a website, "Lee Community News", for the Town. A. Tappan will post a notice concerning the SPNF event on the site.

Conservation Lands Management: S. Bugbee reported that the parking lot construction at **Little River Park** is complete. There was a discussion of the construction of picnic facilities on the Park. The Town has received a \$500 gift certificate from a group of townsfolk for the purchase of trees for the Park. Commission discussed the species and care of purchased trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Claridge/Mills Easement: Scott Mills is seeking clarification of an issue concerning the easement originating with Harriet Claridge. Specifically, he has a potential buyer for the property who would like to farm on the property and build a small barn but is concerned with the degree of public access associated with the easement. Following considerable discussion, it was decided that B. Humm would contact the Town's attorney and agencies associated with the easement and seek to determine feasible options for the Town and potential buyers.

Budget Request: B. Humm presented a draft budget for FY17-18 to be presented as a request to the Advisory Budget Committee. The draft suggests the same amount as requested for the present year. A. Hartgerink moved and C. Fisher seconded a motion: "That the Conservation Commission request the sum of \$5,300 for FY 17-18". The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker