

# Lee Conservation Commission

## Minutes of Meeting of January 2, 2017

**Present:**

**Members:** Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Meeker, David Shay, Anne Tappan

**Alternate Members:** Amanda Gourgue

**Ex Officio:** Scott Bugbee, Select Board Representative

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on December 5, 2016, approved as written.

**Updates and Announcements:**

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

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

**Lee Traffic Circle Development:** A. Hartgerink and B. Humm visited the site of the proposed development of the former Mobil Station. They felt they were given a very complete description of the project. Because of its encroachment on wetland areas, the US Corps of Engineers is expected to require a wetland mitigation fee of approximately \$50,000 which, it is hoped, can be used to support the SPNHF Powder Major's Farm project.

**Tree Planting on Little River Park:** B. Humm, C. Fisher, and R. Weyrick had a productive meeting with the Town's Recreation Commission to discuss the need for the planting of trees in Little River Park and what species might best meet that need. Mark Davis of Pawtuckaway Nursery did not attend the meeting but is expected to attend a similar meeting in February.

**Budget Hearing:** The Select Board meets January 3 for a public hearing on the Town budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Piscataqua Region Monitoring Collaborative:** The Commission discussed the program presented by PRMC at its previous meeting and its request for funding from the Town. It was decided that, for this year at least, it would be inappropriate to draft a warrant article seeking funds from the Town for support of the monitoring program. A. Tappan suggested that support from the Town would be more likely if the group provided more public information concerning its goals, activities, and needs. In particular, she suggested a series of short articles for inclusion in the E-Crier. The possibility of the Collaborative using the Town's contribution to SPNHF as match funds was discussed. B. Humm will discuss this possibility with SPNHF and will inform the groups, Abby Lyon, of that situation and of the Commission's decisions and comments.

**Town Appropriation to Powder Major's Farm Project:** In the discussion above it was noted that the status of the project has not been publicly announced and there has been no notification of a closing date on the farm. S. Bugbee reminded the Commission that the Town's authorized appropriation needs to be encumbered before the end of the fiscal year in June, 2017. Given this information it was decided that the Commission must monitor the situation and, if the funds have not been expended, be prepared to urge the Select Board to encumber the funds before the end of the fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Summary of Protected Land in Lee:** The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) seeks to update the NH GRANIT land conservation data layer and has asked the Commission to update the existing list of properties (which she included). B. Humm suggested that a subcommittee be formed to confirm the existing list and provide updated information where appropriate. D. Shay, A. Gourgue, and A. Hartgerink volunteered to work with him on the task. The group will hold its first meeting at 1 P.M. on Friday, January 13, at the Town Hall.

**Next Meeting: Date, 2017**

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

David Meeker