

## **Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of April 3, 2017**

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

**Alternate Members:** Amanda Gourgue

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on March 6, 2017, approved as written.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance in the LCC account as of March 30, 2017, was \$14,355.21 composed of

LCC Funds	\$11,549.69
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 2,805.52

**Reappointments:** D. Meeker, A. Tappan, and T. Moody have been reappointed to the Commission by the Select Board and need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

**Easement Monitoring:** Monitoring visits for April have been scheduled as follows: Stevens and Stevens, 4/12; Kelsey, 4/19; Garrity Reserve and Short, 4/26.

**Education and Outreach:** Lauren Kras of SPNHF has suggested the dates of August 29, September 5, or September 19 for an **easement walk, led by SPNHF**, to introduce Lee residents to the easements they hold within the Town. After some discussion it was decided that a walk in the Town Forest on September 5 would be likely to attract the most participation. C. Fisher will contact SPNHF to express the Commission's preference. C. Fisher will schedule **woodcock and frog walks** as soon as conditions permit and announce the locations and times of the walks in the E-Crier.

**Conservation Lands Management:** A. Tappan reported that woodcock habitat management activities will be conducted at **Mills Little River Park** as soon as the weather is appropriate and that participation by members of the Commission would be welcomed. C. Fisher suggested that she enlist the school children who discovered the **trash in the Town Forest** to help in removing the trash. This suggestion was gratefully endorsed. An abutter to the **Old Mill Reserve** contacted B. Humm to enquire about plans for trail construction or maintenance within the Reserve. It was decided that the person would be informed of any plans for an activity of that nature.

**Energize360:** The Town's Energy Committee and the Select Board are sponsoring an informational session concerning solar power and energy conservation programs at the Safety Complex on April 22 at 10 – 12 am.

**Agriculture in Lee:** B. Humm reported on the increase in agricultural activities within the Town.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Trail Mapping by Strafford Regional Planning Commission:** B. Humm presented a summary of possible attributes that could be added to the trail descriptions SRPC is preparing and other trail-related activities under consideration. The attributes were discussed but concern was expressed for a possible mobile phone application called "Map My Hike". Although the details for the app are not known there is a possibility that, without proper controls, the public could be directed to trails or locations where increased usage might be detrimental to environmental factors. B. Humm will discuss this issue with SRPC.

**Next Meeting: May 1, 2017**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
David Meeker