

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of November 6, 2017

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

Alternate Member: Amanda Gourgue

Visitors: None

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on October 2, 2017, approved with corrections.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the Commission's account as of October 31, 2017, was \$ composed of

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

Easement Monitoring: Visits to the Ellis Oyster River Reserve, Lee/Hartgerink easements were made in October. C. Fisher noted that the trail on the EORR needs attention in the near future. No other items of concern were found. Visits to the Maud Jones Memorial Forest and the Cook/Schultz easements are scheduled for November.

Education and Outreach: The public walk on the Maud Jones Memorial Forest led by C. Fisher and Don Quigley was well-attended and well-reported. The invasive species walk on the Winder property is planned for November 11 at 9 A.M. C. Fisher reported that plans for the walk are complete. She is planning another public walk, in conjunction with Wendy Fogg, which will be focused on the pharmacology of forest floor evergreens.

Conservation Lands Management: B. Humm visited the trail in the **Little River Reserve** recently constructed by the Boy Scouts. He found that some problems have been addressed but there is still work to be done on the steps leading to the bridge. He feels that the joint meeting with the Heritage Commission to discuss signage and possible additional trails should wait until the main trail is finished. B. Humm has asked Bio-Spray to return to do some additional spot spraying at different locations. A. Tappan and C. Fisher found extensive stands of glossy buckthorn on the **Rothwell Reserve** that will need to be addressed in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant for Invasive Species Control and Habitat Restoration on Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: A. Tappan reported on the recent activities she has conducted with various interested parties and organizations. She reports considerable interest in the project on the part of stakeholders and has had suggestions for grant support from sources other than the Moose Plate Grants. She will continue gathering information and developing support for the project. She is meeting with a UNH class led by Prof. Matt Tarr on November 8.

Trail Mapping Update: B. Humm presented some maps prepared by Kyle Pimental of Strafford Regional Planning describing trails on Town property. T. Moody volunteered to oversee the trail mapping project. A. Tappan will seek to locate previous material available relating to proper use of trails and the care of the environment in which they lie.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial for Dick Weyrick: C. Fisher suggested that a conservation easement could be placed on the five acres of the Town Forest surrounding the vernal pool nearest Mast Way School with a plaque describing Dick's contribution to the Town through his work on the Commission. She believes that groups associated with Mast Way School would provide some financial support for such a project. The planting of an American Chestnut and/or the naming of the trail on the Ellis Oyster River Reserve in Dick's honor were also suggested as fitting memorials. B. Humm will meet with Vohnny Weyrick to discuss these issues and report to the Commission.

Membership Dues to NH Association of Conservation Commissions: A motion was made by A. Tappan, seconded by C. Fisher, and approved unanimously to pay the Commission's dues of \$333.

Capital Improvement Plan Update: B. Humm reviewed the status of the trust funds associated with the Commission's responsibilities. After some discussion, it was decided that the Commission would not request an addition to the trust funds for the next two fiscal years and then, as circumstances require, request an annual increment of \$10,000 be added to the funds.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2017

Submitted By _____
David Meeker