

Lee Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of December 4, 2017

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

Visitors: Mimi Winder, Little Hook Road

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

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the Commission's account as of November 30, 2017, was \$18,148.76 composed of

LCC Funds	\$15,342.25
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 2,806.51

Easement Monitoring: Easement monitoring for 2017 is complete except for the Cook/Schultz easement which will soon be visited by Caren Rossi.

Education and Outreach: A. Tappan reported on the well-attended invasive species walk organized by C. Fisher and held at the Winder property. It was noted that the article in the E-Crier, written by A. Tappan and C. Fisher, well-described the walk and, in addition, was an excellent source of information concerning invasive species. Anne and Catherine are planning another article providing additional information to the public.

Conservation Lands Management: B. Humm has contacted the Boy Scouts and asked that they complete the work on the trail in Little River Reserve but has not yet received a response.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weyrick Memorial: B. Humm reported that the Weyrick family is very enthusiastic in their support of the planting of additional American Chestnut trees in the little grove that Dick Weyrick and Bill Humm planted behind the Safety Complex. Kevin Shenefiel has been approached and has offered to provide four trees at a cost of \$10/tree. D. Shay moved and C. Fisher seconded:

***Motion:** Moved that the Conservation Commission purchase four American Chestnut trees from Kevin Shenefiel for a total cost of \$40. Approved unanimously.*

B. Humm will also seek a donation for an additional tree from the American Chestnut Foundation. A memorial ceremony and tree-planting is planned for Earth Day, April 22, 2018.

Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: A. Tappan reported on current activities concerning the formulation of a grant application to support habitat restoration to benefit wildlife on the sanctuary. She states that there is a lot of interest in the potential project by the various stakeholders. After discussion of the issues involved, B. Humm was asked to investigate possible legal issues associated with the proposed project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry Conservation Camp: Laura Gund has identified Henry Strawbridge as a candidate for a 2018 campership. She will also place notices in the E-Crier and Wendy Fogg's newsletter seeking an additional campership recipient.

Proposed Warrant Article: B. Humm presented a draft article permitting the conveying of \$3,409.99 from the sale of timber on the Maud Jones Memorial Forest to the Conservation Land Stewardship Trust Fund. After discussion the draft was approved.

Proposed Additional Easement in Town Forest: The possibility of creating a conservation easement on the, previously excluded, 7-acre portion of the Town Forest containing the vernal pool complex. The advisability of leaving the development of the appropriate warrant article to a citizen's petition was discussed. C. Fisher will discuss the issues with the teachers at Mast Way School. B. Humm offered to prepare a draft warrant article for future consideration.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018

Submitted By _____
David Meeker