

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 2018

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

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Select Board Representative

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 2018, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the Commission's account as of February 28, 2018, was \$17,501.92 composed of

LCC Funds	\$14,693.53
Dave Allan Fund	\$ 2,808.39

New Subdivision: B. Humm reported that a new, 31-lot, subdivision off Pinkham Avenue that was designed by Walter Cheney has been purchased and will be developed by the Chinberg Development.

Kennard Property: SELT led a walk on the Kennard property on March 3. The property is expected to be fully protected very soon and managed as New England Cottontail habitat. While SELT will own the property it will be managed by NRCS.

Frog Walk: C. Fisher is planning a frog walk in late March or early April depending upon the frogs' schedule.

Education and Outreach: C. Fisher notified the Chief of Police of the woodcock viewing event planned for the Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary on April 27. He was very helpful and asked that all visitors park on the Sanctuary side of Garrity Road. A. Tappan noted that the owners of the house should be notified of the event prior to its occurrence.

Election Day: The Town votes on March 13 at the Safety Complex.

American Chestnut Foundation: The Commission agreed to join the Foundation as a member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dick Weyrick Memorial: B. Humm will meet with the Select Board at their next meeting to inform them of the memorial event to be held on Earth Day, April 22. At the event the Weyrick family and others will plant a white pine sapling and American Chestnut saplings purchased from Kevin Shenefiel by the Commission and another provided by the American Chestnut Foundation. Detailed information on the planting of the chestnut saplings will be obtained from the Foundation. B. Humm plans a short vacation and will be unavailable until April 19. D. Meeker will be available, if needed, and C. Fisher will work with Randy Stevens to prepare the site for the planting of the 6 saplings.

Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: A. Tappan sent a letter to the Southeast Land Trust asking for their approval and permission for her to draft a management plan for the Ford field. B. Humm noted that the easement agreement refers to preserving the ecological "values" of the property rather than a particular configuration of the vegetation. That, it is felt, supports an effort to return the shrunken fields to a size approximating their earlier extent. A. Tappan also called attention to a spring on the property that is enclosed by a short concrete wall and could pose a hazardous situation for children or animals. The easement document states that the owners of the house have a legal right to one of the springs on the property, however, legal responsibility for the situation is unknown. B. Humm will discuss the situation with the purchasers of the Joe Ford house.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2018

Submitted By _____
David Meeker