

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of April 2, 2018

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

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Select Board Representative

Visitors: Jarrod Vincent, Mimi Winder

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

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the Commission's account as of March 31, 2018, was \$ composed of

LCC Funds	\$
Dave Allan Fund	\$

Town Election Results: The warrant articles concerning the transfer of timber sales income and expanding the Town Forest conservation easement passed with large margins.

Appointment Renewals: Catherine Fisher and Richard Babcock have been appointed and sworn in for another term as member and alternate member, respectively, of the Commission.

Easement Monitoring: B. Humm and C. Fisher visited both Randy and Rick Stevens easements and found nothing of concern. In the coming month, visits are planned to Kelsey (4/4), Fred Short and Garrity Reserve (4/11), Aldag (4/25), and Barth and Crosbie (5/2) easements.

Outreach and Education: C. Fisher is preparing publicity for the upcoming frog and woodcock walks and will ensure that it appears at the proper time. A. Tappan will contact the Audubon Society concerning the number of individuals they expect to attend the woodcock walk at the Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary at 7 P.M. on April 27. B. Humm will inform the homeowners of the coming event. C. Fisher will lead a walk in the Town Forest for parents of Mast Way preschoolers on April 21 and will also lead another woodcock walk at Little River Park for townfolk on April 28.

Conservation Lands Management: B. Humm is working with BioSpray to schedule invasive species spraying projects on the Town Forest, the Joe Ford Sanctuary, and the Rothwell Reserve.

LCHIP Payment: LCHIP has provided the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission with funds to support the monitoring of LCHIP conservation and historical easements. The share allocated to the Conservation Commission is \$600.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weyrick Memorial: Plans have been completed for the memorial tree planting and ceremony for Dick Weyrick on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22. C. Fisher will arrange with Randy Stevens for help in digging the holes for the trees and providing compost for planting them. Members of the Commission, and volunteers Jarrod Vincent and Mimi Winder, will help in this process. C. Fisher will also develop announcements for the E-Crier and Wendy Fogg's newsletter. D. Meeker will pick up four American Chestnut saplings from Kevin Shenefiel and B. Humm will collect another sapling from the American Chestnut Foundation while Don Quigley is expected to bring a white pine sapling from the Weyrick home. Following the tree planting at the Safety Complex, there will be a memorial held at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall.

Management Plan for Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: Southeast Land Trust (SELT) has given A. Tappan permission to develop a management plan for the Sanctuary.

Trail Mapping: T. Moody reported on his (and daughter's) work placing maps of the trails in the Maud Jones Memorial Forest and the Town Forest on the website openstreetmap.org. He (they) are now working on the trails in Little River Park. There was some discussion of the use/abuse of the trail system. It was decided that the trail maps should be linked through the Town's website.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2018

Submitted By _____

David Meeker