

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of August 6, 2018

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

Alternate Member: Amanda Gourgue

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee, Select Board Representative

Visitors: Marc Jacobs, Dave Garvey

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on July 2 approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

Reports: S. Bugbee reported that there remain some issues to be worked out regarding Bedrock Gardens. He also reported that replacing Randy Stevens continues to be a difficult endeavor.

Easement Monitoring: Monitoring Visits to **Demeritt Hill Farm, McLean, Quigley and Cox** were made. August visits are planned to Tally (1), Fogg (8), Schultz Friedlander (18) and Henry (22) easements.

Conservation Lands Management: While there have been no new developments as far as the repair/replacement of the observation platform in the town bog, C. Fisher requested that D. Meeker forward to her any information and contacts he has gathered during his research into the use of 10'' floats.

NEW BUSINESS:

Variance for Development of Two Commercial Lots on Rte. 125: Marc Jacobs, environmental and wetlands scientist, described the conditions present on the 20 acre property on Rt. 125 where D. Garvey has proposed to develop two commercial lots. The area is part of the town's designated commercial zone. There are two productive vernal pools on the property which also abuts the Langley & Kennard Forest. To access the larger, more northerly proposed lot, a 200 sq. ft. wetland crossing driveway is proposed. To access the smaller lot, it is proposed that a wet soils area be filled. A site visit is planned for August 16.

Nominations of Officers: As. D. Meeker is stepping down, C. Fisher was nominated to serve as Secretary and Amanda Gourgue was nominated to serve as treasurer for the remainder of the year.

Lee's Trees Contest: Following a brief discussion, members voted unanimously to join with the Sustainability Committee as co-sponsors of the contest.

Lee Fair (Sept 8): C. Fisher reported that she has been in touch with R. Babcock and he has graciously offered the use of his tent and two tables, and that A. Tappan will bring an additional table. She also discussed a new theme for the LCC booth this year: Pollinators. To that end she hopes to have a good assortment of brochures, pamphlets, books and posters. Also planned is a display of native flowering plant species which are important food sources for native pollinators.

Dog Waste Station Proposal: C. Fisher reported that she had had a conversation with Molly Darling and Robin Wunderlich, owners of Take Five Dog Care, during which they inquired about setting up and maintaining dog waste stations at Town Forest trailheads. After a brief discussion, the commission agreed to invite them to discuss their proposal at our September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: A. Tappan reported that she will meet this month with Ted Kendziora for a site walk on the property in order to map the areas to be cut. She would like, also, to set up a meeting of interested Commission members to look at maps of the property.

VALEDICTORY:

In a bittersweet ending to our meeting we bid a most reluctant farewell to David Meeker, who after 35 years as a member of a number of Town of Lee commissions and committees, is moving to Exeter. He has been our exceptional secretary/treasurer and a tremendous asset to the LCC. His insight, humor and kindness will be greatly missed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Submitted by _____
Catherine Fisher