

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 4, 2019

Present Members: Catherine Fisher, Bill Humm (Chair), Dave Shay, Anne Tappan

Alternate Members: Dawn Genes, Deb Sugerman

Ex Officio: Scott Bugbee (Select Board Representative)

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of February 4, 2019 approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: No report was available at the time of the meeting.

Proposed Middle School Project Meeting: S. Bugbee reported that there will be an informational dinner at Mast Way on Thursday, March 7 from 5:00-6:30.

Reports:

Select Board: A. Tappan reported that Larry Kindberg requested BOS input regarding the installation of lights and a cement slab in the pavilion at Little River Park.

Education and Outreach: C. Fisher reported that she had received informational handouts regarding ticks and tick-borne diseases from two organizations (Lyme Disease Association; Tick Free NH). The Commission now has enough brochures, snap bracelets, bookmarks, and wallet-sized tick i.d. cards to last for several lifetimes and these will be available at the Commission booth during September's Lee Fair. S. Bugbee said the poster-type handout would be useful to have on display at the town offices. C. Fisher plans to have several of these posters laminated so that they can be displayed at trailhead kiosks.

Old Business:

Planned Sand/Gravel excavation off Clay Lane: B. Humm reported that David Jernigan appeared before the Select Board at their February 11 meeting and requested a Public Hearing on this issue. Julie Glover outlined what needed to be done before the project can proceed, including: obtaining an Alteration of Terrain Permit from DES; a reclamation plan; a Public Hearing before the Planning Board. B. Humm feels the latter requirement will provide a good opportunity for abutters to hear about the plan and voice their concerns, particularly in regards to the trail on the property which is used by many in the neighborhood. He reported to the Select Board that a site visit with the abutters and other interested parties is planned once the snow has melted.

New Business:

Expiration of Commission Member Terms: Antoinette Hartgerink is retiring as a full member of the Commission, but will remain as an emeritus member. She plans to continue her participation in monitoring easements on town-owned land. D. Shay has signed on for another term. B. Humm has also signed on for another term, but informed the Commission that this will be his last.

Posting Town Trails on Trail Finder (www.TrailFinder.info): B. Humm reported that Emma Tutein (UNH Cooperative Extension) suggested posting Town trails on Trail Finder, an interactive mapping site designed to assist hikers/walkers in New Hampshire and Vermont. C. Fisher reported that she found the website easy to navigate, designed so that users can

search for trails by location, permitted activity and difficulty. As Tim Moody has been instrumental in the mapping and online posting of Town trails, it was agreed the Commission would wait to get his input on posting them on Trail Finder.

Voting Session, Tuesday, March 12: S. Bugbee reported that with regards to the proposed new Town Center Building Project, people were expressing concerns as to costs and the role of the library. He also reported that Rebecca Hawthorne will be a write-in candidate for the Trustee of the Trust Fund.

Commission Contact Person (4/2-4/18): While B. Humm is away, C. Fisher will be the contact person.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2019

Submitted by: _____

Catherine Fisher