

Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting of December 20, 2017

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

Alternate Members: Amanda Gourgue

Expanding Easement in Town Forest: The advisability of asking the Town to place a conservation easement on the 7-acre parcel that contains the complex of vernal pools within the Town Forest was discussed. It was decided that the parcel, previously excluded from the protected part of the Town Forest, should be protected by an easement. C. Fisher and others noted that there is considerable support for such an easement from the teachers of Mast Way School and other members of the community. The draft warrant article provided by B. Humm was discussed and approved in general terms while acknowledging that legal issues might suggest changes in the final text. Catherine Fisher moved and Dave Shay seconded:

Motion: *Moved that a warrant article be prepared which asks the Town to establish a conservation easement on the 7-acre parcel within the Town Forest and behind Mast Way School which was excluded from the previously established easement. Passed unanimously.*

Joint Woodcock Program with N.H. Audubon: A. Tappan reported on a conversation with Phil Brown, of NH Audubon, who suggested that the Commission hold a joint public woodcock program with N.H. Audubon at the Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary sometime in April. This was discussed in detail. There were concerns for the availability of safe parking if the event is widely advertised as only roadside parking is available. C. Fisher suggested that Audubon should conduct a pre-registration program so that an estimate of participation would be available. This suggestion was adopted. It was also decided that Southeast Land Trust should be notified of the event but not asked to publicize it.

Submitted By _____
David Meeker