Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of January 8, 2019

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

Alternate Members: Dawn Genes, Deb Sugerman **Ex Officio:** Scott Bugbee (Select Board Representative)

Visitors: Alan Ammann, Marek Petrik

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of December 3, 2018 approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

LCC Bank Balance: The balance in the Commission's account as reported by Amanda Gourgue to

B. Humm is \$15,627.02 and is composed of LCC Funds \$12,802.33 Dave Allan Fund \$2,824.69

B. Humm noted that the \$2500.00 decrease in the account reflected payment made to Adam Fogg.

Reports:

Education and Outreach: T. Moody and C. Fisher, at the invitation of the Historical Society and the Library, will speak on the trail systems, flora and fauna found on some of Lee's conserved public lands. The program will take place on Wednesday, May 1.

C. Fisher reported that the awards presentation for the Lee's Trees Contest, sponsored by the Sustainability Committee and co-sponsored by the LCC, will be held on Monday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange.

D. Sugerman reported on the Taking Action for Wildlife workshop she attended in December. She found the presentations very informative and useful.

Conservation Lands Management:

Proposed Dog Waste Stations at Town Forest Trailheads: B. Humm reported he and C. Fisher visited the three locations where stakes have been placed indicating where the waste stations are to be located and were satisfied with their placement. No further action will occur until the ground thaws.

Proposed snowmobile trail relocation at Old Mill Reserve: B. Humm reported that he and C. Fisher met with Emery Eaton and Caren Rossi at Old Mill Reserve and walked the area where the trail relocation is proposed. The rerouting area crosses a small section of the reserve and doesn't impinge on any trees or wetlands. They found no issues with the proposal.

Town Center trailhead relocation with TCVC plan: It was agreed that a discussion about relocating the trailhead will take place once the TCVC plan advances.

Possible treatment of black locust trees at Little River Park: B. Humm reported that he met with Doug Cygan, but because black locusts are not considered non-native invasive species, he cannot treat them. In a related discussion, D. Cygan described his experimental use of mixing Garlon 4 (triclopyr), which is expensive to use when treating large area, at a ratio of 5%, with canola oil. He is open to treating invasives along field edges at the Joe Ford Sanctuary in the next year or two, ideally with some education and outreach done to inform folks about his work. This would be at little or no cost to the Town, though perhaps the LCC could contribute by purchasing some

canola oil. Any treatments at the Joe Ford Sanctuary would have to be coordinated with the proposed habitat management project project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Barry Conservation 4-H Camp:** B. Humm reported that Laura Gund has one applicant, Gibson Griffith, and will take care of getting him registered. T. Moody moved that the LCC pay \$550.00 to sponsor Gibson's campership, C. Fisher seconded, and members unanimously approved.
- **Invitation to Steve Bullek:** B. Humm reported that Steve Bullek found himself short-handed and wasn't able to attend the January CC meeting. Following a brief discussion regarding finding places to use the extra herbicide he has on hand, it was agreed that it would be useful to compile a list of town-owned conserved properties with invasive plant populations, listing the problematic species. Having such a list in place ahead of time would allow the LCC to avail itself if similar opportunities arise.
- Variance for Development of Two Commercial Lots on Rte. 125: A. Tappan reported that Dave Garvey has submitted a variance request and plans to go before the ZBA on January 23. The property falls short of the required 250' contiguous frontage. Though the CC's concerns regarding the property involve its interior, rather than the frontage issue, it can make recommendations to the ZBA concerning the importance of the vernal pools located on the property. SELT is an abutter of the property, and she reported that the organization has received a copy of the variance request, and that she is keeping Jeremy Lougee informed of developments. She suggested that before the ZBA meeting on the 23rd, she and perhaps other members of the Commission, Marc Jacobs, and Caren Rossi meet with D. Garvey, to discuss ways that might protect the vernal pools while allowing for development. C. Fisher asked if a prior meeting with D. Garvey discussing these issues had taken place, and if so, what the outcome had been. A. Tappan reported that a prior meeting had taken place in which she presented an alternative development proposal, but that another attempt would be worthwhile. She will set up a meeting and let Commission members know the time and place.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Proposed Zoning Change Along Rte. 4:** A. Amman and M. Petrik, residents at Old Mill Rd., discussed the reasons they feel the Town should not extend the commercial zone along Rte. 4. Of particular interest to the Commission are the impacts such a rezoning would have on the extensive wetlands in the area and on the water quality of the Oyster River. A. Tappan suggested that they bring their concerns before the BOS at their next meeting.
- Motion to Enter Non-Public Session: D. Shay moves to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) at approximately 9:05 pm. C. Fisher seconds. All agree following roll call vote. Motion carries. The Commission returns to public session at 9:12
 - C. Fisher moves to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes. D. Shay seconds. A ll agree following roll call vote. Motion Carries.

Next Meeting:	Monday, February 4, 2019
Submitted by:	
Submitted by	Catherine Fisher