

## **Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting December 9, 2019**

**Present members:** Catherine Fisher, Dawn Genes, Bill Humm (Chair), Dave Shay, Anne Tappan

**Ex Officio:** Scott Bugbee

**Guests:** Jenny Menendez, Sherrie Trefry, Fred Schultz

**Approval of Minutes:** D. Shay moved that the minutes be accepted as written; A. Tappan seconded. Commission voted unanimously to approve.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

**LCC Bank Balance:** The balance of the Commission's account as reported by Treasurer Amanda Gourgue to B. Humm is \$14,953.95 and is comprised of

LCC Funds: \$12,283.60

Dave Allen Fund: \$2,670.35

**Easement Monitoring:** B. Humm reported that Caren Rossi monitored Echo Ridge in November and found no issues; the report has been written. The Lee/Hartgerink property will be monitored on December 11.

**Possible CE Violation:** B. Humm reported that he was unable to arrange a meeting with the landowner before Thanksgiving.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **ZBA:**

A. Tappan reported that the lawyer for Sean McGann requested that the hearing be rescheduled, as their technical team had identified an error in the plan. They will appear before the Commission to present new plans.

#### **Conservation Lands Management:**

**Town Forest:** B. Humm reported that the addition to the conservation easement has been finalized.

##### **Maude Jones Memorial Forest:**

**Tree Farm Recertification:** Don Quigley has signed off on, and submitted, the recertification report. It will go to the Select Board for them to sign off on.

**Water Tower:** A. Tappan reported that the water tower is in bad repair and that perhaps danger signs should be posted. She will check with Caren Rossi to determine that the tower is, in fact, on Town property.

##### **Little River Park:**

**Woodcock habitat/invasive treatment:** A. Tappan reported that, due to the weather, the work planned for early December has been on hold.

**Bridge Grant:** B. Humm reported that LRAC has approved the grant for the amount of \$4375. A memorandum of understanding will be signed once Larry Kindberg has been apprised of the plan.

**Parking Lot Expansion:** A. Tappan reported that there has been no new activity in this area.

##### **Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary:**

**Waterline concerns:** A. Tappan reported that the owners have installed a private well. She reported that Julie Glover suggested the Commission have a series of discussion with the homeowners regarding the springs, water line, etc.

**Mowing:** Chuck Cox has mowed the field. A. Tappan discussed monetary compensation with him; at his normal fee of \$60/hr., the four and a half hours of mowing comes to \$270. After he submits an invoice, the Commission can vote to remunerate him.

**Spring covers:** A. Tappan reported that Steve Bullek has a cover design that will be inexpensive and easy to install.

**Lee Five Corners:** A. Tappan reported that Ted Kendziora (USFWS) has proposed a revised plan for tree cutting so as to rejuvenate aspen stands as well as cutting pines. Funding will be provided by USFWS. Time to be determined. The contract for the work has been reviewed by the Town Administrator, who found no liability issues.

**Conservation Commission Annual Report:** C. Fisher reported that the report has been completed and submitted to Denise Duval.

**Education/Outreach:** C. Fisher reported that she had written two more spider articles for the Lee E-Crier.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Emerald Ash Borer:** Mimi Winder was unable to attend the December meeting and will make her presentation at the January meeting.

**Eversource Pole Replacements:** Sherry Trefry, VBH representative, presented information about project to replace 22 poles in wet soils/wet soils buffers areas. D. Shay moved that the Commission vote to approve this work. C. Fisher seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve. A. Tappan will draft a letter to the ZBA reflecting this vote.

**Proposed Sugar House on Cook/Schultz (Echo Ridge) Easement:** Fred Schultz discussed plans to build a 16'x24' structure, no closer than 125' from the Little River. B. Humm will inform Caren Rossi that the Commission has met with Mr. Schultz and confirm with her that the structure is outside the shoreland setback.

**NH Association of Conservation Commission Annual Dues:** D. Genes moved to approve payment of \$325.00. C. Fisher seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

**Right to Know Law Training:** Training will occur at a date to be determined in 2020.

**Possible Land Protection Opportunity:** B. Humm reported that he had learned from Julie Glover about a landowner interested in selling properties totaling 419 acres, one with frontage on the Lamprey. He contacted SELT, and will contact Caren Rossi about the properties.

**Awards:** The Commission extended its congratulations to Bill Humm for having his many years of work recognized with the Town's Lifetime Achievement Award. Catherine Fisher was also congratulated for being this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 6, 2020.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine Fisher