

**Lee Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting of June 28, 2022**

**Present members:** Dawn Genes (Chair), Amanda Gourgue (Treasurer), Mimi Winder (Secretary), Catherine Fisher, Dave Shay, Deb Sugerman and Anne Tappan

**Alternate member:** Laurel Cox

**Select Board (BOS) Representative:** Scott Bugbee

**Others present:** Dave Mitchell

**Approval of Minutes of May 31 Meeting:** D. Shay moved to accept as amended, C. Fisher seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by Lee Conservation Commission (LCC) members.

**Approval of Minutes of Site Visit to 10 Layne Drive:** D. Sugerman moved to accept, C. Fisher seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by LCC.

**Approval of Minutes of Site Little River Bridge:** D. Sugerman moved to accept, C. Fisher seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by LCC.

**Treasurer's Report:** A. Gourgue submitted one expense report for membership to Southeast Land Trust (SELT) for \$300. Current balances are:

David Allan Fund Account	\$2,686.69
LCC Account	\$2,025.20
<b>Total of</b>	<b>\$4,711.89</b>

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Education/Outreach:**

**Social Media:** A. Gourgue reported outcomes from our Facebook (FB) page: May 30th – June 26th.

People Reached 6,039 (down 4%)

Post Engagements 1,669 (up 35%)

Page Likes 19 (up 375%)

Our most popular post from the past 30 days was, May 30<sup>th</sup>, C. Fisher's article about the single-celled organism. It was viewed by 1,700 people, 88 post clicks, and 91 reactions, comments, and shares. Last month's most popular post was May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Articles for E-Crier/FB:** C. Fisher reported that she had written five nature articles.

**Events Held:**

June 25, Moth Night LRP: C. Fisher reported that it was well received. Thirty-one people attended and most stayed until the end.

**Easement Monitoring:** D. Shay reported the following properties monitored in June: Kelsey (6/1);

McLean and Quigley (6/15), Randy Stevens and Rick Stevens (6/22);

No issues were noted on any of the properties monitored during this period.

Monitoring visits scheduled for June/July: Henry (6/29); Cox (7/6); James Farm (7/13);

Lee/Hartgerink (7/20); Ellis Oyster River (7/27).

**Lee Trails Committee:** D. Sugerman reported on the following:

**Bridge update:**

LRP - 2 bridges are done. Plan to build a ramp on the short bridge.

Town Forest bridge – Bridge #4 in process. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money was used to make repairs.

Maud Jones Memorial Forest – D. Shay is working on completing the permit process.

**REACH Program:** Work days planned for next week to include cemetery cleanup and mapping, and historical museum tour.

**QR Codes for MJMF:** D. Sugerman will share first draft when available.

D. Sugerman moved the LCC give the LTC \$250 for expenses, C. Fisher seconded, all approved.

D. Sugerman moved to move ahead with a letter of agreement with Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) to have maps made for trails at LRP, MJMF and TF, not to exceed \$1020. C. Fisher seconded. All approved.

**Comments to Other Agencies/Boards:**

**Layne Drive on Wheelwright Pond:** ZBA approved as proposed contingent upon DES requirements.

**14 Tuttle Road, Proposed Little River Equine Bridge:** ZBA approved project with the condition that final bridge design be reviewed by the town engineer and any associated fees be paid by the owner. Applicant should apply for any state required permits.

**Coppal House Farm - Roof Runoff:** ZBA approved project as proposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Requests:**

**83 & 85 Steppingstone Road:** Dave Mitchell (owner) presented plans to remove the existing structure at #85 and replace it with new construction to include a full basement and expanded porch. The existing shed at #83 may have shore land setback concerns. A site visit is planned for July 5 at 4pm.

**Town Land usage:** Bikes on town land are an ongoing problem; this needs further discussion.

Conservation easements may also contain restrictions. Wheelwright Pond access and use was also discussed. A site visit was recommended.

**LRP Celebration:** C. Fisher and D. Sugerman will work on planning, to coordinate with the Lee Festival (9/17).

D. Sugerman reported that she received a Horse Chestnut seedling that she would like to have planted on Town land. She requested suggestions for where to plant it. Recommendations will be provided at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

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

MimiWinder