

**Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2022**

Present: Dawn Genes (Chair), Mimi Winder (Secretary), Catherine Fisher, Dave Shay, Deb Sugerman, Anne Tappan

Alternate member: Laurel Cox

Emeritus: Bill Humm

Approval of Minutes of September 27 Meeting: D. Shay moved to accept, C. Fisher seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by Lee Conservation Commission (LCC) members.

Payment to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC): D. Genes made a motion to approve payment of \$250 for yearly dues for 2023. D. Shay moved to approve and C. Fisher seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by LCC members.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurers/Social Media: A. Gourgue submitted via email. Report attached.

Education/Outreach: C. Fisher submitted via email. Report attached.

Lee Trails Committee: D. Sugerman submitted via email. Report attached.

Planning Board/ZBA/ SRPC/Buckthorn project: A. Tappan submitted via email. Report attached.

Easement Monitoring: D. Shay submitted via email. Report attached. Done for the season!

Old Mill Monitoring 10/19: Members of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) attended the monitoring session along with LCC members D. Shay, D. Genes, C. Fisher and A. Tappan. A. Tappan will write minutes.

NRCS members reported that they will have resources to devote to this easement property. NRCS requested a list of LCC objectives for this site. All work at this site requires approval by NRCS. D. Genes will let them know our priorities as follows:

- Renovate the site as early successional habitat
- Control the invasive species
- Assess opportunities for public access for a variety of uses
- Increase native wildflower diversity
- After renovation, create a plan to maintain early successional habitat that can be carried out for the long term

Coppal House Farm new structure proposal: A site walk was performed on October 3. C. Fisher, D. Shay, A. Tappan and Mr. Hutton attended. It was noted that the proposed structure would be inside the easement. The LCC feels that this proposal is compatible with CC objectives. A. Tappan will write a letter for the ZBA.

Wadleigh Falls Canoe Launch repair: Required permits (Wetlands Permit by Notification) have been signed and the project will be scheduled by LRAC when conditions are appropriate for this work.

Little River Park (LRP) erosion control plan: D. Genes is working with members of the Trails Committee to schedule a date for a work day.

Invasive Buckthorn at Maude Jones Memorial Forest (MJMF): It was decided to postpone this project until spring. A. Tappan will contact Don Quigley and let him know.

Invasive plant ID workshop: Rebecca DiGirolomo, UNH Coop. Ext., Natural Resources Field Specialist - Forestry, has agreed to conduct this workshop and suggested we schedule it in April, 2023. M. Winder will contact her early next year to schedule this workshop.

Bikes on Town Land: Discussion was tabled until a site walk can be conducted. Proposed dates are 10/31 (spooky) or 11/7 (rain date) at 9am at the recycling road trail head.

Ford Field mowing: A. Tappan moved to engage Chuck Cox to mow the Ford field before December 31 and allocate up to \$500. D. Shay seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by the LCC members.

Adjourn: 5:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5pm

Submitted by: MimiWinder

Amanda Gourgue October 2022 report

Here are my updates for the LCC meeting...

Treasurer's Report

David Allan Fund Account \$2,703.08

LCC Account \$13,519.58

Total of \$16,222.66

In October, we had a deposit for \$60 to the Lee Open Space (during Lee Fair).

Social Media Report

September 17th - October 14th

People Reached 5,590 (up 44.8%)

Post Engagements 2,111 (up 154%)

Page Likes 11 (up 1,000%)

Our most popular post was our most recent Nature Notes for the Spooky Season Part 2, which was about Crowned Slug. It was reached 1,667 people, 17 reactions, comments, and shares. Great job, Catherine!

Lee Conservation Commission Monthly Written Report

For: October 19, 2022

Submitted by: Catherine Fisher

Topic: Education/Outreach. Trail Project Event

Activity since meeting of September 27, 2022:

EDUCATION/OUTREACH:

Articles: Three nature articles were written which appeared in both the Lee E-Crier and the Cons. Com. Facebook (FB) page.

One article was written for FB and E-Crier advertising the LRP event celebrating the completion of the Conservation Commission's River Trail Project.

Nature Walks:

October 15: As part of the LRP celebration event, led a walk along the River Trail.

October 20 and 27: Plans have been made two walks:

October 20 at 3:30: Nature Walk with participants of the Lee Library's after school program.

October 27 at 10:30: Nature Walk with participants of the Lee Library's preschool program.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: None required on any of the above.

RIVER TRAIL PROJECT EVENT:

October 15, 10:00 AT Little River Park: River Trail Project Celebration. Co-hosted with Deb Sugerman. Nearly all who participated in the event came to the celebration. I never did get a head count, but there was a nice turnout and the weather was gorgeous. It was gratifying to acknowledge all the folks who helped us make this long and arduous project come to fruition.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: Article for October 21st's E-Crier will have photographs as well as a brief description of the event.

Lee Trails Committee Report to Conservation Commission
Oct. 17, 2022

The Trails Committee designed a Scarecrow (Hiker Lee) for the Library Scarecrow walk.



Trails Committee members joined Stephen Gneis from SRPC as he mapped all the trails at LRP, MJMF, and TF. I will share the drafts when I get them.



There is a new parking lot at MJMF! It's big enough for 4-5 cars. A big thanks to Steve Bullek for organizing this project. The kiosk will be replaced next spring.

The Trails Committee was awarded the Volunteer(s) of the Year for 2021 in recognition of our work on the trails during the pandemic. Martin Thornton (the LTC bridge engineer) won Volunteer of the Year for 2022 for his work with the Swap Shop.

The Little River Trail Celebration took place Oct. 15 with about 20-25 people in attendance. People involved with the project were publicly thanked and everyone enjoyed a walk on the trail with Catherine providing environmental interpretation along the way. The only piece left is to complete the LRAC Report, which will be done by the end of October.



At the Oct. 26 LTC meeting, we will be discussing our goals for the winter (writing projects, building kiosks, etc.)

Monthly Report For 10/19/22 CC meeting

Submitted by: Anne Tappan

Topic: ZBA and PB Reports

Activity since last CC meeting:

John Hutton, Coppal House Farm, attended the 8/30/22 CC meeting requesting a site walk with the CC to view a proposed site, within the CE, to construct a pole barn/pavilion type structure. A. Tappan, C. Fisher and D. Shay attended a site walk and discussed the project with Mr. Hutton.

Action Required:

Discuss the project proposed by J. Hutton and the CC letter to the ZBA.

Topic: SRPC contract to up date town land map

Activity since last CC meeting:

The CC has a contract with SRPC to update the Town of Lee Land map. A review of the current version was sent to the CC 10/12/22.

Action Required:

Discuss the purpose of an updated map and revisions needed. Contact SRPC once a decision is reached.

Topic: Glossy Buckthorn Pull Planning

Activity since last CC meeting:

M. Winder and A. Tappan met with D. Quigley at Maud Jones Memorial Forest to look at the suitability of the site for a Buckthorn Pull activity. Don pointed out three patches of glossy buckthorn, all plants are small enough to be hand pulled, and with easy access. M. Winder has contacted Habitat Helpers volunteers for possible interest. A pulling session will be scheduled through the E-Crier with direct notices to CC members and Trails sub-committee members.

Action Required:

No action by the CC is needed. This is an ongoing project of the Invasives Working Group.

Lee Conservation Commission
Monthly Written Report

Meeting date Report Prepared For: October 19, 2022

Topic: Easement Monitoring

Submitted by: David Shay

Activity since meeting of September 27, 2022

Easement properties monitored since last meeting included:

September 28 – Verrette

October 5 – Cook/Schultz

October 12 – Tally

October 19 – Old Mill Reserve

Action Required:

Easement monitoring will conclude for 2022.