



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Center Academy Building**

Present: Blake Allison (Chair), Matt Stevens (Secretary), C. J. Smith (Select Board Rep.), Tom Colgan, Meg Sheehan, James Munroe, Lee Larson (Alt.)

Blake appointed Lee Larson as a voting member for the meeting.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2017-10-02

- On a motion from T. Colgan and second from J. Munroe, the minutes from October 2, 2017 meeting are approved as revised by B. Allison. C. J. Smith abstained from voting due to his absence from the 10/2 meeting.

2. Land Protection and Easements – No items submitted

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Holt's Ledge Update** – C. J. Smith reports that the Town has met with Dartmouth College Real Estate Office to discuss the ownership question. Together they have solicited estimates for a title search, the cost of which will most likely be evenly shared by the two entities. Prior to this meeting Dartmouth officials had only spoken with members of the climbing community about the issue. Mr. Smith reminds the Commission that the Holt's Ledge land was donated to the Town as a condition of a building permit for the Canaan Ledge Lane subdivision neighborhood.

Alice Shori has submitted an invoice for her work, comprised of 24 hours of work at \$40 per hour (\$960). On motion from Stevens and second from Larson, the Commission unanimously voted to increase the original maximum for the project from \$900 to **\$960**. On motion from Munroe, second by Colgan, the Commission voted to withdraw **\$600** from the Conservation Fund (subject of public hearing above) to cover the cost of the work and report.

- **Chaffee Bridge Work Update**

L. Larson reports that despite repeated effort to schedule the needed work no date has been set. The project will be postponed until early summer 2018.

M. Stevens suggests particular trail work projects in the Big Rock preserve that are necessary to prevent further erosion and trail failure. The Rte 10 entrance is severely eroded by runoff from the road. Parts of the main trail should be moved further away from the top of the stream bank as the brook continues to move and erode banks.



4. Project and Application Review – No items submitted

5. Outreach and Education – No items submitted

6. Other Business – No items submitted

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – B. Allison will prepare a piece for submission.

8. Adjournment – On motion from J. Munroe, second from T. Colgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next full meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on December 4, 2017 at the Lyme Center Academy Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stevens