



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Blake Allison (Chair) Sue MacKenzie (Select Board rep.), Tom Colgan, Meg Sheehan, Matt Stevens, (Secretary)

Chair Allison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2018-05-07

On motion from T. Colgan, second from M. Stevens, the minutes were accepted unanimously with one abstention (M. Sheehan, absent from May meeting)

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **No Items Submitted**

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Schedule Chaffee Boardwalk Replacement** – R. Hirschler continues to assemble the teen crew to do this work now that schools are getting out of session.

4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

5. Outreach and Education

- **Trails Day Recap** – B. Allison reports that five volunteers attended the work session in the Town Forest to replace the deck of a foot bridge over Whipple Brook and clear several blow-downs

6. Other Business

- **Report re LEDC Meeting(s) – Meg and/or Matt** – M. Sheehan reports that proposals for community development consulting work have been received by the Committee. S. MacKenzie reports that the Committee has selected Resilience Planning and Design as the primary finalist and will hold a public meeting with the Planning Board for people to meet and ask questions of the contractor (Thursday June 7).
- Chair Allison reports that the Conservation fund has gained a total of \$174.93 so far in 2018, all of which is interest.
- Chair Allison reports that Ian Smith is interested in becoming an alternate member to the C.C. On motion from M. Stevens, second from T. Colgan, Mr. Smith's nomination will be sent to the Select Board for appointment.



Other Business, cont.

- S. MacKenzie provided updated information regarding several pending bridge and road repair/replacement projects:
 - Japanese knotweed at upstream side of Market St. bridge over Grant Brook needs to be dealt with. Mixing wood ash in the soil may help make it less hospitable for the plant. M. Stevens will lead the effort. S. MacKenzie will check with the Municipal Association about the Town's need for permission to use herbicides. M. Stevens will do more research about certification.
 - Trees growing on bridge structure on Highbridge Rd. over Trout Brook should be removed. Likely to be done by Town road crew.
 - Crossings on Pinnacle Hill Rd. and Flint Hill Rd. need to be converted from culverts to bridges.
 - Final plans for River Rd. re-location project are pending while permit applications are processed. Contractor has set aside September and October for construction.

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item – Blake**

8. Adjournment

On motion from T. Colgan, second from S. MacKenzie, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stevens

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on July 2, 2018 at the Lyme Center Academy.