



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Russ Hirschler (Chair, pro-tem) Sue MacKenzie (Select Board rep.), Ian Smith, Meg Sheehan, Tom Colgan, David Lysy, Lee Larson (Alt.), James Munroe (Alt.), Matt Stevens, (Secretary)

Chair pro-tem Hirschler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from 2018-07-02

On a motion from M. Sheehan, second from T. Colgan, the minutes were accepted unanimously with two abstentions (R. Hirschler and D. Lysy, absent from July meeting)

1. Land Protection and Easements

- **No Items Submitted**

2. Trails and Land Management

- **Chaffee Sanctuary boardwalk update** – Upper Valley Trails Alliance teen crew spent three work weeks replacing the boardwalk through the sanctuary using pressure treated sill timbers and 3"x8" hemlock stringers. The sills were anchored into the substrate using steel reinforcement rod to prevent movement during inundation events. The crew also re-set the sills for the bridge over Trout Brook in anticipation of re-setting of the bridge later in the season.
- **Big Rock Trail re-route** – UVTA teen crew a 500 ft (approx.) section of the Big Rock Trail to move it away from eroding stream banks. The trail at the rte 10 end was repaired where previously placed berm had failed to divert road run-off from eroding the trail. Drainage problem has been addressed with side ditching to take water off the footpath.
- **Proposed trail in Chaffee Sanctuary** – Neighbor John Gartner requested that the Commission Consider an additional path at the north end of the Sanctuary to allow pedestrian and bicycle use off of rte 10. T. Colgan and M. Stevens will assess a potential route that will involve simply maintaining and additional mowed pathway.
- **Mowing in Chaffee Sanctuary** – L. Larson suggested that the Sanctuary may be due for mowing (of the open area) this season. He will check with Alfred Balch about mowing after the schedule and funding are confirmed. Mowing would take place in late September. It was noted that Chaffee Sanctuary maps should be placed on the existing posts after the Trout Brook bridge is re-set by Brett Ryan sometime in late August – early September.
- **River Road re-route project** – S. MacKenzie reported that work on bank stabilization and the proposed re-route site is slated to start Monday August 13. Permits for the work are not yet issued but are anticipated before start of work. Existing culverts will be replaced with larger ones. Contractor will protect large, old trees on the bank between the existing road bed and the new one. The section of road currently closed to vehicle traffic will be closed to all traffic



(pedestrian and bicycle) and signs to that effect will be posted at both ends. The bank repair work at the Grant Brook outlet is completed except for replacement of guard rails.

3. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

4. Outreach and Education

- **Invasive Plants Workshop/Workday** – M. Sheehan reports that Mike Bald (Got Weeds?) is prepared to lead a workshop on September 15, 2018 at a rate of \$300/day. I. Smith suggests the Big Rock Preserve as a location for the workshop and the meeting agrees. M. Sheehan will prepare an announcement to be circulated among Commission members for approval and distribution (prior to September meeting) to Lyme Church and Community Newsletter, Lyme Listserv and the Valley News.

5. Other Business

- **Report re LEDC Meeting(s)** – S. MacKenzie reported that the report based on meetings and deliberations is due from consultants on August 23rd.
- **Volunteer Lake Assessment Program** – L. Larson reports that he and J. Munroe accompanied DES staff to Post and Reservoir Ponds for the annual water quality monitoring event and a report will be issued later in the season.

6. Publicity

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

7. Adjournment

On motion from T. Colgan, second from S. MacKenzie, meeting was adjourned at 8:00(?) p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stevens

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on September 3, 2018 at the Lyme Center Academy.