

**Lyme Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2014**



MEMBERS PRESENT: Blake Allison, Tom Colgan, Russell Hirschler, MaryBeth Keifer, Sue MacKenzie, James Munroe, and Matt Stevens

**Blake** welcomed newly appointed members MaryBeth Keifer and James Munroe to the Commission.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 10/06/2014**

- On a motion by **Russ**, seconded by **Tom**, the minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- **Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Link** – **Blake** double-checked to make sure all Commissioners had received the e-mail Lee sent with a link to the Program's site and testing results.

**3. Trails and Land Management**

- **Invasive Species Management Plan Follow Up** – **Blake** said he had been in contact with Nic Coates at the NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions and had received from him a variety of resources to help shape an invasive species management plan. **Matt** said the Nature Conservancy has information about invasives control on its web site. It was agreed any management plan needed to prioritize which plants to target.
- **Blowdowns (2) on "Waterfall Trail"** – **Blake** said **Lee** had ascertained that the trees in question were not on Town Forest land. **MaryBeth** said she knows the property owner and would speak to him about removing the trees.
- **Chaffee Map** – **Blake** said that **Lee** has updated the map and has asked David Robbins to post it on the Commission's site.

**4. Project and Application Review**

- **River Road and Fisher Bridge Repair Update** – **Sue** reported that the Select Board is reviewing a variety of options for repairing the subsidence on River Rd. She said repair of the Fisher Bridge over Grant Brook was proceeding after a delayed start caused by permits not being received in time for the scheduled October 1 start date. Said it should be finished by mid-November. She also noted that the Hewes Brook Bridge needed to be replaced.
- **201 Dorchester Rd. Site Visit Report** – **Blake** said that Lee, Matt and he visited the property to review plans for a proposed deck addition to the back of the house. All work would take place in land classified as wetland buffer. He said the back yard had a well-established lawn that rendered any wetland impact moot.

## 5. Outreach and Education

- **Lyme School Trails Work? – Russell** said that Lyme School Principal Jeff Valence had discussed with him the possibility of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students getting involved in a trails project. It was agreed a workday could be planned for the spring.

## 6. Other Business

- **Chase Beach Adult Swim Dock – Sue** there had been discussion about constructing a swimming dock for adults wishing to swim in Post Pond's open waters. The Chase Beach docks are not available for that use. It had been proposed to locate the dock at the canoe launch site but issues remained about putting in and removing it during the season. It was the sense of the Commission that the dock issue was not within its purview.

## 7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item? – Blake** said he would submit a piece on bird watching/feeding.

## 8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Center Academy Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Allison, Secretary *pro tem*