



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting**

Present: Tom Colgan (Secretary *pro tem*), Rebecca Hanissian (Alternate), Meg Sheehan, Russell Hirschler and Matt Stevens

PUBLIC: Present via ZOOM phone connection – Ann Flood (Joined meeting at ~7:30)

Standing in for Chair Allison, Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He appointed Rebecca and Russell to serve as a full, voting members for the meeting.

Before commencing the business portion of the meeting, Matt presented the document “**A Checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant with The Right-to-Know Law During the State of Emergency.**” (copy attached). Blake explained that because the Lyme Center Academy Building is closed to the public, certain requirements for public meeting access must be met to be in compliance with Governor Sununu’s Executive Order allowing for town boards and committees to meet online.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2020-12-07 Meeting

- On a motion by Tom, seconded by Meg, the January minutes were approved as submitted by a unanimous rollcall vote (Russell abstained as he was not present for the January meeting). There was no motion to approve February minutes as no meeting occurred for want of a quorum.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **No Items Submitted.**

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Town Forest January 10 Hike Recap** – Matt provided a brief recap of the hike. He identified participants as Commission members Meg, Rebecca and himself as well as community members Barbara Woodard and Jaxon Morgan. The hike began at the parking lot on Orfordville Road at 10:00am. Matt shared that the group discussed unmarking the Ridge Trail, just off of Orfordville Road, which leads only to the Northern property line and, therefore, may invite trespass. It is believed a boy scout marked the trail.
- **Trail Marking Paint Purchase** – The decision to re-blaze all trails and boundaries at the Town- and Trout Pond Forests was discussed, and Matt volunteered to complete the work along with a volunteer from UVLT. Russell moved to approve not more than \$500 in paint and materials for the work, Tom seconded and Rebecca, Matt and Meg voted in the affirmative.



4. Project and Application Review

- **331 River Road Storage Shed** – Upon discussion, the Commission found no issues with the requested variance for a storage shed at 331 River Road. Tom moved for Blake or Matt to prepare a letter stating such to the ZBA, Russell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **O’Hara Pond Project Recap** – Matt provided a brief overview of Dan O’Hara’s plan to enlist Jim Kennedy to dig a small pond in the southwest portion of the previous pond. The new pond will be ~1/3 the size of the previous pond. The remaining 2/3 will be restored to wetland and marshland, and the normal flow of the brook running along the eastern border of the pond will be retained.
- **Site Visit Report for 12 Baker Hill Road** – There was no report given as the property has been sold and the activity at issue halted.

5. Outreach and Education

- **No Items Submitted.**

6. Other Business

- **Approve Funding for 2021 Post Pond Milfoil Treatment** – Russell moved to appropriate \$5,102.00 for milfoil treatment in Post Pond pursuant to Town Warrant Article 16, Tom seconded, and Rebecca, Matt and Meg voted in the affirmative.
- **Conservation Commission Membership** – Ann Flood, one of four Lyme citizens to apply for membership on the Commission joined the meeting. She introduced herself and each member introduced themselves to her. With only four full voting members currently on the Commission, and four new applicants, Matt thought it ideal that we bring on three as full voting members and one as an alternate. As such, he suggested members review the four applicants and identify who might best serve as an alternate at this time and that the Commission provide this information to the soon-to-be new select board for their determination of members.

7. Publicity

- Blake will supply an article for the March/April Lyme Community and Church News.

8. Adjournment

- On a motion by Russell, seconded by Tom, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hanissian, Secretary *pro tem*

If matters of business warrant it, the next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will take place via ZOOM on Monday, April 5th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.