



**Lyme Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, APRIL 4, at 7:00 p.m.  
Lyme Center Academy Building**

The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom in accordance with New Hampshire's "right to know" statutes.

CC Attendance in Person: Lin Brown, Sue McKenzie, Chair *pro tem*, Matt Stevens, Tom Colgan and Jill Niles Secretary *pro tem*

CC Attendance via Zoom: Sara Zahendra (Alternate)

Chair *pro tem* MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2022-03-07 Meeting**

On a motion from Tom, seconded by Lin, the minutes of the March meeting were passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- **Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil Control Program Update** – Sue gave an update on the Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil Control Program. She has lined up 3 potential Divers and 9 other Volunteers to learn the eradication process. There will be a training session on April 20th at 7pm. Sue will check on the availability of the Lyme School and alternatively upstairs in the Lyme Center Academy Building.
- **LBWG Update** – Update was postponed to the May meeting due to Meg's absence.
- **Town Forest Conservation Easement** – There was a long discussion about the possibility of getting a Conservation Easement for the Lyme Town Forest. Tom shared that he felt that limiting any development was key. He pointed out that Easements need to be monitored in perpetuity which would involve time and money. Any Covenant for the Town Forest would have to be voted on at Town Meeting. The question came up as to whether the concern is big enough to warrant spending the money to proceed. Matt mentioned that the Town owns a piece of property on Holt's Ledge as well as the SW corner of Post Pond without easements. Question ~ Does the Chaffee property have an Easement? Sue commented that we should stay in tune with Selectboard members and what is transpiring at their meetings so we are aware of any mention of, or proposed changes to the Town Forest. All thought we should have this on the May agenda again to get more input from all members. **Action Item:** As per Blake's request, all members should bring a list of their ideas regarding which activities should be permitted or discouraged to our May meeting. Please include what you feel are the priorities to preserve in this wonderful Town owned property.



### 3. Trails and Land Management

- **Trail Network's Condition Assessment** ~ Jill was just out on the Waterfall Trail and found an ancient white pine that had split and fallen across the trail. Action Item: Tom Colgan kindly agreed to hike in with his chainsaw and clear it. Thank-you! Jill also found that the Ledge Trail has some trail markers missing. Matt commented that we were no longer using those and he suggested re-blazing it instead. Our other trails need to be monitored. Action Items: Matt and Jill agreed to re-blaze the Ledge Trail together after the trees have leafed out; probably in May. Lin will check the Chaffee Loop. Matt will do Lower Grant Brook and Sara agreed to assess the Big Rock Trail.
- **Town Forest Sign** -- A question came up wondering about the status of the new Town Forest sign for the Orfordville entrance. We hoped that Blake could perhaps update us in May.
- **Action Item:** Matt will send out an e-mail asking for help with finishing the job of re-establishing the boundary lines at Trout Pond once he has a date or two in mind. We should do this soon before the trees leaf out.

### 4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

### 5. Outreach and Education

- **Lyme Salamander Crossing Brigade** – Sara reported a very successful night for the Salamander Crossing Brigade on a rainy night in late March. At the High St. / Rt. 10 intersection she safely escorted 38 peepers and 23 wood frogs across the road. There will likely be another posting on the Lyme Listserv soon to alert residents of a repeat event.

### 6. Other Business

- **"Green Up Day 2022"** – The event is scheduled for Saturday, May and `will be held in conjunction with CommunityCare of Lyme's "Day of Service." Lin volunteered to train for eventual takeover of the program from Blake.

### 7. Publicity

- Blake will supply an article for the May/June Lyme Community & Church News

### 8. Adjournment

On motion by Sue, seconded by Jill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jill Niles Secretary *pro tem*

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at the Lyme Center Academy Building beginning at 7 p.m.