

**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2013**



PRESENT: Members – Russell Hirschler, Blake Allison, Lee Larson, Tom Colgan, Richard Vidal, and Heather Toulmin

Vice Chair **Russell Hirschler**, presiding in place of chair Matt Stevens who was unable to attend, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 12/03/12

- On a motion by **Tom**, seconded by **Heather**, the 12/03/12 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **Conservation Easement Monitoring** -- **Lee** reported that he had received monitoring reports for all the properties on which the town holds conservation easements, and that letters of notification had been sent out to the appropriate property holders as well as any organizations that have a shared stake in holding the easement.

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Trails Status and Work Needed** – **Lee** said the blow downs across trails in Trout Pond forest had not been cleared due to equipment issues and the unavailability of a volunteer helper. **Tom** said he had encountered several blow downs when walking the Town Forest's Ledge Trail at Christmas time.
- **Trout Pond Management Plan Implementation** – Discussion was again deferred until improved ground conditions would permit on site evaluation.
- **Town Forest Management Plan Update** – **Blake** said initial work had been delayed due to an insurance coverage issue that had to be resolved before a contract could be signed. **Lee** observed that if the contract had not been signed before the end of calendar year 2012, a new appropriation authorization would have to be obtained at this year's Annual Town Meeting.
- **Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil Update** – **Blake** said he had prepared a letter to the Selectboard recommending that it form a town-wide committee tasked with taking on the town response to the Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil infestation. He said he had urged the board to do so by mid-February in order to take advantage of funding and logistical support opportunities.

4. Project and Application Review

- **Whipple Hill Road Logging** – **Blake** raised a concern about activity at the Whipple Hill Road logging site (see 2012-12-03 CC Minutes). He said several pieces of logging machinery were parked immediately adjacent to a small stream that drains from the property into nearby Trout Brook. **Tom** noted environmental impact issues were monitored by NH DES and that "best practice" concerns were usually addressed when an "intent to cut" application was filed. **Richard** said he would look into the matter.

5. Outreach and Education

- **Snowshoe Walk** – It was agreed that the Commission's annual snowshoe walk would be held on Sunday, February 10th beginning at 1:30 p.m. weather and conditions permitting.

6. Other Business

- **No Items Submitted**

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News** – **Heather** said she would submit an announcement about the proposed February snowshoe walk.

On a motion by **Tom**, seconded by **Lee**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

QuickTime™ and a
TIFF (LZW) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

Blake Allison, Secretary