Lyme Conservation Commission Minutes January 4, 2016



Present: Blake Allison (Chair), Lee Larson (Alternate), Tom Colgan, Ian Smith (Alternate), Jay Smith (Select Board Rep.) and Matt Stevens

Blake called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and appointed Lee and Ian as regular voting members for the evening.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2015-12-07

• On a motion by **Tom**, seconded by **Lee**, the December meeting minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

2. Land Protection and Easements

• Furstenberg Easement – Lee opened by saying that the issue concerning the conservation easement held by Karl and Charlotte Furstenberg on a portion of their Acorn Hill property (Map 408/Lot 58) had been settled, rendering moot any need to discuss it at tonight's meeting.

3. Trails and Land Management

- Chaffee Wildlife Viewing Blind Update Blake reported that most of the structure had been enclosed and that the roof was on. It was agreed that the roof should be covered to protect the plywood from potential moisture damage.
- 4. Project and Application Review
 - No Items Submitted.

5. Outreach and Education

• No Items Submitted.

6. Other Business

• **Proposed NH Bobcat Hunt** – Discussion of this matter was prompted by a letter from the Stoddard, NH Conservation Commission asking whether the Lyme Conservation Commission would join it and other town CCs in writing to NH Fish & Game in opposition to a proposal by that entity to reinstitute a limited bobcat hunt. Lee noted he had already written Fish & Game opposing the proposed hunt. After some discussion it was agreed the decision whether to oppose any hunt should be left to individual action.

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7. Publicity

• Lyme Community and Church News Item – Blake said he would submit content for January/February. Lee noted for the record that Lyme School Third Grade teacher Trisha Shipman's December/January piece did a very good job describing her group's actions and goals regarding its Big Rock Sanctuary outdoor classroom.

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

V. Blake Allison, Secretary

Blake Allison, Secretary pro tem

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