



**Lyme Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lyme Center Academy Building**

**Present:** Blake Allison (Chair), Jay Smith (Select Board Rep.), Matt Stevens (Sec.), James Munroe, Lee Larson (Alt.), Meg Sheehan.

Chair Allison called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Chair Allison appointed L. Larson as voting member for the meeting

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2016-12-05**

- Motion from L. Larson, Second from J. Munroe, the January meeting minutes were approved unanimously without further revision.

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- Chair Allison reported that the Conservation Fund balance stood at \$218,271.76 at end of 2016. Revenue received above and beyond interest included \$961.50 from the Land Use Change Tax in 2016. In addition, \$15,927.08 came from money that was in the Trout Pond Gifts and Donations Fund. It was moved because the Select Board incorrectly had assigned the fund in 1998 to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for management (see 2016-09-12 CC Minutes for complete explanation).

**3. Trails and Land Management**

- **Holts Ledge Usage Update** – J. Smith reported that the area is closed to climbing and will remain so until the Select Board has more information and time to further consider the situation. M. Stevens reported that a group of climbers met publicly on February 1 to discuss the potential future of climbing at the ledge. M. Stevens will contact Alice Schori (Canaan) to facilitate a botanical review of the Town's property at Holt's Ledge.

**4. Project and Application Review**

- **No Items Submitted**



## 5. Outreach and Education

- Chair Allison reported that there were no responses to an inquiry about wildlife tracking in the Lyme Community and Church newsletter
- J. Munroe has agreed to manage the CC Facebook page. M. Stevens and L. Larson will provide wildlife photos for posting.
- M. Sheehan will contact local botanist Alice Schori about leading a wildflower walk on May 20, It will be open to the public.

## 6. Other Business

- J. Munroe asked whether any funding has been allocated for Eurasian milfoil treatment in Post Pond for 2017. J. Smith reported that there is an article on the Town Warrant seeking some allocation from Town funds to supplement a DES grant. J. Smith will inform the Commission if any additional funding is needed.

## 7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – B. Allison will solicit and/or submit.

## 8. Adjournment

- On a motion from M. Stevens, seconded by M. Sheehan the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew Stevens*

Matthew Stevens, Secretary

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyme Center Academy Building.