



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Minutes
Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Center Academy Building**

Present: Blake Allison (Chair), Matt Stevens (Secretary), Tom Colgan, James Munroe, Meg Sheehan and C. Jay Smith (Select Board Rep.)

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2017-04-03

- On a motion by Tom, seconded by Meg, the April minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **No Items Submitted**

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Holt's Ledge Rare Plant Community Survey Update – Blake** reported that botanist Alice Schori had returned a signed contract agreeing to conduct a survey of plant communities at Holt's Ledge. No date has been set for executing the survey.
- **"Trails Day" Organization and Publicity – Blake** proposed that the Town's trails be surveyed prior to "Trails Day which is to take place Saturday June 3 so that a determination could be made regarding where efforts could be most productively applied. He said a recent walk he took through The Chaffee showed it to be in good shape, although a couple of planks should be replaced. **James** said he would survey the Beaver Pond Trail section of the Town Forest Trail. Blake said he would attempt to get out on the Western Town Forest Trail before "Trails Day."

4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

5. Outreach and Education

- **"Green Up Day" 2017-05-06 Update – Blake** reviewed preparations for the upcoming workday. He said sign up on the Lyme Community Cares web page was going well and that it looked like most of the town's roads would have at least some coverage with many roads completely "booked."
- **Pollinator Garden Project Update –** It was noted that the window of time is closing for planting gardens that would have an impact this year. **Matt** said he would contact the school about siting and preparing a garden. Regarding a planting at The Chaffee, it was agreed an on-site visit would be useful in shaping a decision. A meeting was set for Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.



6. Other Business

- **Appropriation for Nylon Filament Removal from Post Pond – Blake** reported that local bird rehabilitator Catherine Greenleaf had retained the services of a diver to remove nylon fishing line from Post Pond at the boat launch area and two other sites. This action was spurred by the tragic drowning of a common loon in the pond last August after it became entangled in fishing line. The cost to retain the diver's services was \$200, and Catherine asked whether the Conservation Commission would pay for it. On a unanimous vote, the Commission approved the expenditure. The money will come out of the Maintenance section of the Commission's budget.
- **Wildflower Walk – Meg** said that Alice Shori will lead the walk on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. She said a site would be selected based on where flowering seemed most developed. Lower Grant Brook Trail was deemed a likely candidate.

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item – Blake** said he would submit notes regarding the upcoming "Trails Day."

8. Adjournment

- Having finished the evening's agenda, Blake adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Tom Colgan kept the meeting minutes with assistance from Blake.

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held at the Lyme Center Academy building on Monday June 5, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m.