



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Center Academy Building**

Present: Blake Allison (Chair), Russell Hirschler (Vice-Chair), Matt Stevens (Secretary), C. J. Smith (Select Board Rep.), Tom Colgan, Meg Sheehan, James Munroe

The meeting is called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2017-11-06

- On a motion from J. Munroe and second from M. Sheehan, the minutes from November 6, 2017 meeting are approved unanimously.
- On motion from T. Colgan and second from R. Hirschler, the minutes from the November 6, 2017 Public Hearing are approved unanimously.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **No Items Submitted**

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Chaffee and Big Rock Trails Repair with UVTA** – B. Allison will revise and print trail maps to place on sign boards at Chaffee. UVTA proposal includes replacing all puncheon/bog bridges in the Chaffee and removing discarded old boards from the area as well as a short relocation of the trail in Big Rock to move it away from the eroding stream bank and some further tread definition in areas to prevent erosion. R. Hirschler reports that the proposal includes up to six days of work and the bulk of the proposed budget is comprised of material costs. UVTA has submitted a grant proposal to The Lyme Foundation for the bulk of the proposed budget, with the remainder (if any) to potentially come from the Commission's stewardship funding and/or the Conservation Fund (see project proposal for budget details). T. Colgan makes a motion to provide up to \$1000 for project support and with a second from J. Munroe the motion is carried by majority vote with R. Hirschler abstaining.
- **Hewes Brook Bridge (River Rd.) Replacement Update** – C. J. Smith reports that a temporary bridge will be placed with permission of landowner to accommodate repairs, which are likely to take place in 2018.



4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

5. Outreach and Education – Annual snowshoe hike is scheduled for February 18th, location TBD and announced at a later date.

6. Other Business – Holts Ledge update: C. J. Smith reports that both Dartmouth College and the Town of Lyme maintain claim to ownership of the ledge. Town of Lyme will commission a title search to determine ownership.

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – B. Allison will prepare a piece for submission.

8. Adjournment – On motion from R. Hirschler, second from M. Stevens, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next full meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on February 5, 2018 at the Lyme Center Academy Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stevens