



**Lyme Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Blake Allison (Chair), Meg Sheehan, James Munroe, Matt Stevens (Secretary), Lee Larson (alternate). L. Larson was appointed a voting member for the meeting.

Chair Allison called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2018-03-05 and Revote 2018-02-05 Minutes**

On motion from Stevens, seconded by Sheehan, minutes of Feb 5 approved unanimously. Approval of minutes was needed because of a procedural error at the March 5 meeting.

On motion from Stevens, seconded by Munroe, minutes of March 5 approved unanimously

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- **Upper Valley Land Trust Annual (UVLT) Conservation Commissions Meeting Recap – James**

Mr. Munroe reports that the meeting was well attended and prepared. UVLT was awarded grant money from USDA to conserve important farmland in New Hampshire and is soliciting help finding candidate properties.

**3. Trails and Land Management**

- **Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA) Summer Chaffee and Big Rock Project Updates**

Mr. Allison reports that UVTA was awarded \$4K from Lyme Foundation for project work at the Chaffee and Big Rock areas. L. Larson suggests that the proposed re-route of Big Rock trail could be left for volunteers to complete if the other projects takes longer than anticipated.

**4. Project and Application Review**

- **River Road Reroute**

B. Allison wondered whether the funding for River Road repairs and the bypass that was approved at Town Meeting in 2017 was still applicable for a newly proposed project that has not had consideration by Town Meeting. M. Stevens suggested that there was some discussion about the new project at 2018 Town Meeting, but the question should be asked of the Select Board. M. Stevens made request to see plans for the Hewes Brook bridge repair and all projects on River Road.



## 5. Outreach and Education

- **Schedule Vernal Pool Outing**  
Date and time are dependent upon weather and ground conditions. J. Munroe will inquire with Jim Kennedy about leading the walk.
- **“Green Up Day” on Saturday, May 5**  
B. Allison said he was contacted by Community Care of Lyme about working together again this year. Breakfast will be served at the Lyme School before teams head out to collect trash. The blue collection bags will be available at Lyme Country Store, the Post Office/Lyme Hardware vestibule, the Town Offices vestibule and Rich’s Insurance Agency in Lyme Center
- **International Migratory Bird Day – May 12**  
B. Allison reports that 2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Migratory Bird Treaty. Many organizations are involved in promoting and celebrating this anniversary with events and activities including Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, National Audubon Society and National Geographic. Locally there will be a number of events hosted/sponsored by local nature advocacy groups including the Mascoma Chapter of NH Audubon and The Hanover Conservancy at Balch Hill area in Hanover. M. Sheehan offered to look into having a temporary bird display/resource section at Converse Free Library.

## 6. Other Business

- **Conservation Commission Protocol Matter – Blake**  
Chair Allison reminds members to be cognizant of not representing a Cons Comm position in public communications without permission or authorization from the Commission. Members are free to identify themselves as a Commission Member if so desired.
- **Input to Lyme Community Development Committee (CDC) –**  
M. Sheehan and M. Stevens will attend CDC meetings and report goings-on to the Cons Comm as appropriate.
- **Report from past CDC meetings (2) –**  
M. Sheehan and M. Stevens report that the Select Board will revise the charge of the CDC and Steering sub-committee after a meeting with the Lyme Planning Board. A proposed RFP for planning/visioning will be prepared with broader input.
- **Review Article 9 Vote. Actionable Follow-up?**  
Discussion includes continued vigilance and efforts to provide accurate information to public.
- **Conservation Commission Membership –**  
Chair Allison reports that no candidates have come forward to fill vacant positions yet. Recruitment should continue in order to maintain a full complement of members (7) and for alternates. Alternates Joanna Jaspersohn’s and MaryBeth Keifer’s terms have expired, and they have chosen not to renew.



## 7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – Blake will submit notes.

## 8. Adjournment

On motion from M. Stevens, second by J. Munroe the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Stevens". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

The next regular meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday May 7, 2018 at the Lyme Academy Building.