



**Lyme Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: Blake Allison (Chair), Matt Stevens (Secretary), C. Jay Smith (Select Board rep.), Meg Sheehan, Lee Larson (Alternate), Russell Hirschler (Vice-Chair)**

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Chairman Allison appoints Lee Larson as a voting member for the meeting.**

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

- On motion from R. Hirschler and second from M. Stevens the minutes are accepted with one abstention (R. Hirschler).

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- **UVLT Conservation Commissions Meeting Recap** – J. Munroe attended the UVLT event but is not in attendance at this meeting so this report has been postponed.

**3. Trails and Land Management**

- **Revise Guides to Conserved Town Properties** – Susan Tallmen from the Thetford Conservation Commission had inquired to the Commission about the status of these maps and guides. L. Larson reports that the maps are current and there remain many printed copies available. The last printing of the guides was funded by a grant from the NH Moose Plate fund. L. Larson suggests that the guides could be updated to include more practical content in addition the mostly historical narratives now included. R. Hirschler suggests that the Trailfinder tool could be linked on the Cons Comm webpage. M. Sheehan asks whether the maps could be consolidated and included in a Town-wide map available on the Town website or Cons Comm web page. M. Stevens suggests that a new digital format be developed for digital applications (web page) in addition to the down-loadable PDFs. All in attendance agree that the classic format should be retained for print versions, funding for which will be discussed at a future meeting.

**4. Project and Application Review**

- **Fund Plantings at Hewes Brook Bridge** – Sue McKensie and Jason Berard have noted that some trees will need to be removed from the brook's edge on the west side to accommodate repairs to the bridge. J. Smith adds that some utility poles and lines will need to be relocated. The meeting agrees that the Conservation Commission should be prepared to offer funding and resources to facilitate replanting of woody vegetation and removal of invasive plants to stabilize the bank after repair. Some revetments may be necessary to provide primary stabilization while vegetation is establishing.



## 5. Outreach and Education

- **Discuss Annual Snowshoe Walk** – J. Munro and M. Stevens led a two- hour-walk at Trout Pond with three members of the public.

## 6. Other Business

- **Town Meeting Warrant Article 9 – LUCT Change** – The Town's Master Plan favors preservation of open space, which was confirmed by a Community Survey conducted in (2006). Loss of the LUCT for the Conservation Fund would eliminate the only funding source for one of the Commission's primary duties once the Fund is depleted. Discussion continues about the merits of and differences between Current Use and Conservation Easements. On a motion from R. Hirschler and second from M. Sheehan the Commission votes to publicly oppose warrant article 9 (J. Smith abstains).

## 7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – B. Allison will prepare notes.

## 8. Adjournment

- On motion from M. Stevens and second from R. Hirschler, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**The next full meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on April 2, 2018 at the Lyme Center Academy Building.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Stevens". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.