



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

**Present:** Blake Allison (Chair) Sue MacKenzie (Select Board rep.), Ian Smith, Meg Sheehan, Matt Stevens, (Secretary)

Chair Allison called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Chair Allison welcomes Ian Smith as a newly appointed “Alternate” Commission member and appoints him as a voting member for the meeting.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2018-06-04**

On a motion from M. Sheehan, second from M. Stevens, the minutes were accepted unanimously with one abstention (I. Smith, absent from June meeting)

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

- **No Items Submitted**

**3. Trails and Land Management**

- **Schedule Chaffee Boardwalk Replacement** – Teen crew will begin staging materials for the new boardwalk during the week of July 9 and will complete the project in the first week in August. Discarded wood from the old boardwalk will be carried out to be placed in the C&D waste bin at the transfer station (to be paid by Lyme CC). Given time, the crew will also re-set the sill for the Trout Brook bridge between Chase Beach and Chaffee Sanctuary. Brett Ryan has agreed to help re-set the bridge in late July. Work scheduled for the Big Rock Preserve will take second priority to this Chaffee work.
- **Non-native Invasive Plant Work (NNIP): Japanese Knotweed** – Methods of treatment were discussed. B. Allison said the consensus control approach is cutting first growth in mid-June then treating with herbicide in 4-6 weeks (after regrowth). M. Sheehan offered that the best chemical-free treatment method is several cuttings per growing season will eventually exhaust the plants energy reserves. M. Sheehan also suggested a potential workshop/workday with Mike Bald, owner of Got Weeds?, an NNIP management company based in VT. She will contact Mr. Bald to inquire about an event in late August or early September. I. Smith suggested another public presentation about a specific NNIP (knotweed) designed to help landowners tackle the problem at the local scale. Such a presentation could be separate and additional to the M. Bald workshop/workday. M. Stevens suggested exploring a co-presentation with UVLT. Three potential workday locations were identified, to be assessed by M. Stevens, I. Smith and S. MacKenzie.
- **River Road/E. Thetford Rd. connector** – S. MacKenzie reported that the permit applications are ready for submission to DES and the contractor is retained to begin work in September, but the landowner has requested that the project be put on hold to provide more time for consideration of alternative plans as well as implications for the conservation value of the parcel.



#### **4. Project and Application Review**

- **No Items Submitted**

#### **5. Outreach and Education**

- **No Items Submitted**

#### **6. Other Business**

- **Report re LEDC Meeting(s)** – S. MacKenzie reported that the Committee along with the Planning Board will host various constituent meetings with the selected contractor throughout the day on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Meetings of the Committee will still be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Town Offices.

#### **7. Publicity**

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item – Blake**

#### **8. Adjournment**

On motion from M. Stevens, second from M. Sheehan, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held at 7 p.m. on August 6, 2018 at the Lyme Center Academy.