



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Blake Allison (Chair/Secretary *pro tem*), Sue MacKenzie (Select Board Rep) Ian Smith and Matt Stevens

Public: Rebecca Perkins

Chair Allison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and congratulated Ian on his newly achieved full voting member status.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2019-02-04

- On a motion by Matt, seconded by Sue, the minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **Connecticut River Council's (CRC's) Easements at Town Meeting** – There was a review of the 2019 Warrant's Article 19 that pertains to the CRC's plan to dispose of its conservation easements in Lyme and the Town's subsequent relationship to those parcels. Presently, Lyme is the contingent holder for the easements. Article 19, if approved, would authorize the Select Board to relinquish that status if the CRC finds a qualified land conservation entity willing to take over the easement. The Conservation Commission had affirmed the plan at its 2019-02-04 meeting.

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Lyme Biodiversity Group Committee Update** – Blake said that Meg had reported that the group's grant application had been accepted by the Lyme Foundation. Matt said hiring a program field manager was proceeding.

4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

5. Outreach and Education

- **No Items Submitted**



6. Other Business

- **Annual Meeting and Conservation Fund Money Appropriation** – There was discussion confirming the Conservation Commission's intention to use Conservation Fund money to help support the 2019 Eurasian Milfoil treatment of Post Pond. The amount in question would be \$14,220 if approved by voters at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12. Blake noted that the fund's closing balance on 2018-12-31 was \$256,343.15 thanks to an infusion in December of money collected by the Land Use ChangeTax.
- **New Member Applications** – On a unanimous vote, the applications of **David Lysy** and **Rebecca Perkins** to join the Commission as "Alternates" were approved.
- **Baker Hill Road Culvert Project Update** – **Sue** said preparations remain on hold due to an access and project design dispute with one of the landowners whose property includes part of the culvert that is to be replaced.

7. Publicity

- **Lyme Community and Church News Item** – **Blake** said he will provide an article.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature reads "V. Blake Allison, Secretary". The handwriting is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Blake Allison, Secretary *pro tem*

The next regular meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Lyme Academy Building.