



**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Center Academy Building**

The meeting was conducted in person at the Academy Building and via Zoom in accordance with New Hampshire's "right to know" statutes. The Conservation Commission (CC) did not meet on the "first Monday of the month meeting" time because of the Labor Day Holiday.

CC Attendance in Person: Sue McKenzie (*Chair pro temp*), Tom Colgan, Jill Kearney (alternate), David Lysy (alternate) joined meeting at 7:15), Meg Sheehan

CC Attendance via Zoom: Lin Brown, Sara Zahendra (alternate)

Member(s) of the public (in person): Tim Beck

Chair *pro temp* MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She appointed Sara to full voting status for the meeting.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2022-09-12 Meeting

- On a unanimous, roll call vote, the September minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Land Protection and Easements

- **Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil Control Program Update** -- Sue reported the effort exceeded expectations for milfoil removal this summer, using divers and volunteers. The project is asking for up to \$5,000.00 for 2023 expenses. Sue has asked the Select Board to be able to access state funds for this; Conservation Commission has previously contributed, last two years allocating matching funding for state grant. Funds were not spent last two years. Tom made motion that CC will allocate up to \$4,000.00 for invasive species control on Post Pond for 2023 season. Seconded. Discussed. Motion passed 6-0.
- **LBWG Update re Summer Projects** -- Meg reported work wrapped up for the year. Plan to seek Lyme Foundation and CC match for 2023 season.

3. Trails and Land Management

- **Forest Management Plans Update** – Awaiting a response from Redstart Consulting regarding a RFP Blake sent them in September
- **Boundary and Trail Marking in Town Forest** -- Jill reported on work done so far. Group plans to work on this in November.



4. Project and Application Review

- No Items Submitted

5. Outreach and Education

- No Items Submitted

6. Other Business

1. **Reservoir Pond Dam Rehab** -- Informational Session by Tim Beck of Lyme. Dam built at turn of century by Shakers. Owners of dam are Kelsey Family via a Trust. State has given default notice that the dam must be repaired or removed. Part of pond in Dorchester. Pond owners set up nonprofit 501c3 to raise funds to restore and repair the dam. Estimate is over \$450,000.00 for reconstruction of dam.

Planning Board and Conservation Commission of Town of Dorchester have approved subdivision of dam from rest of their land. Now have extension to Fall 2023 to restore dam. Have raised about ½ of \$320,000 original estimate, may be more. Got donations from Dartmouth College, Lyme Foundation. Because not hazardous dam can't get federal funding. Trust has spent money on regulatory process. Has been working on permitting for two years.

About ¾ of pond is preserved. Wildlife includes loons and moose. Plan is to do construction next August. Removal requires lowering dam. Conservation Commission voted no, not to contribute at last presentation by Trust. Jill suggested Tim come to make another presentation perhaps to reconsider the vote and contribute. Tom suggested come back on a later date.

Tom recalled that most of the 13 or so cabins are on Dorchester side, and this reservoir is not the natural landscape prior to the dam. These were factors that led to the no vote previously. Meg noted that the ecological trend is to remove dams and do restoration, not invest in rebuilding dams.

7. Publicity

- Blake will supply an article for the November/December Lyme Community & Church News

8. Adjournment

- 7:45 pm, Motion to adjourn made and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Sheehan, Secretary *pro temp*

The next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will take place, both in person and via a Zoom teleconference link, at the Lyme Center Academy Building on Monday, November 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m.