



**Lyme Conservation Commission (LCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Lyme Fire Station Meeting Room**

**Present:** Blake Allison (Chair), Ann Flood (Secretary), Lin Brown (Member and liaison to Utility Club) and John Biglow (Alternate)

Members via Zoom: None; Public in person or via Zoom: None.

Blake called the meeting into session at 7:10 pm. John was appointed as a full voting member.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes from 2026-02-06 Meeting**

On a motion by Lin, seconded by Ann, the February minutes were approved by a unanimous rollcall vote.

**2. Land Protection and Easements**

**• Town Forest Conservation Easement**

Blake gave a brief update on the proposed Town Warrant Article #7 to authorize the CC to place a conservation easement on the Town Forest. He reminded us that he had created a document about the Town Forest and the rationale for the Warrant Article #7 and conservation easement and had it placed on the Lyme website (CC section). He also sent a notice about it via the Lyme Listserv, urging interested citizens of Lyme to read it. Since then, he has received no feedback or concerns expressed about Warrant Article #7. John reported that he had attended the Little Town Meeting to hear whether there was any feedback on Warrant Article #7.

However, the meeting went on a long time without getting to it and he left due to the snowstorm. Blake is hopeful that it will pass, but urged CC members to attend the Town Meeting, both to speak to the Warrant Article and to hear any debate. He urged us to help make a point that Lee Larson had stressed to him. There are important differences between the long-range general principles that should be placed in an easement in contrast to the more detailed and shorter-range plans that belong in a management plan.

If it passes, the members discussed the importance of re-examining the Trout Pond Conservation Easement to gain insights about what should be in an easement plan for the Town Forest. (The most recent update to it had been distributed before, but Blake will resend if needed.) In the case of Trout Pond Forest, Lee had to negotiate with the property owner to remove a campsite and seal off an area surrounding Trout Pond. Ann asked if can get the original easement since it is more comparable.

Blake also mentioned that he is planning to create a document with maps and photos about human use of the Town Forest, i.e., "A walk in the Town Forest". He hopes to have it done before the Town Meeting. Ann offered to help with the PowerPoint. Members asked if he could present it at the Town Meeting. Blake said that he would be able to speak to the points at the Town Meeting, but PowerPoints are traditionally not allowed.



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### 3. Trails and Land Management

- **UVTA HS Trails Corps 2026 Project**

Blake reported there is no update from Russell Hirschler on funding from other sources.

- **Town Forest and Trout Pond Forest Management Plans**

There were to be updates from Matt Stevens and Meg Sheehan on these topics, but neither was able to attend. This will be postponed to a future meeting.

Blake stressed that these plans will need to be completed as quickly as we can, especially if we also will need to do a conservation easement for the Town Forest.

### 4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

### 5. Outreach and Education

- A presentation of interest: Blake reported that he had received a notice from the Enfield CC that Dr. Carol Foss, who is a Senior Advisor for Science and Policy at the NH Audubon Society, will give a presentation on rodent control, wildlife and poisons from rodent pesticides on March 12, 2 pm at Enfield, Chosen Vale Performance Center, 410 NH Route 4A, Enfield, NH.
- Related actions at the NH Legislature: Lin mentioned that there are currently two bills before the NH Legislature on this topic. [House Bill 1676](#), which would limit the sale of some “high-risk” rodenticides to licensed pest control professionals, received a majority vote of “ought to pass”. This bill will now be sent to the NH Senate. Meanwhile, [House Bill 1018](#), which proposed a blanket ban on the use of some of those rodenticides, was voted “inexpedient to legislate”. Both bills deal with poisons, often targeted to mice and rats, which also affect their predators, like raptors and mammals.
- Snowshoe Event. Lin mentioned that we forgot to sponsor a snowshoe event this winter and now it is too late.

### 6. Adjournment

On a motion by Ann, seconded by Lin, Blake adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Barry Flood, Secretary

If matters of business warrant it, the next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will take place in person at the Lyme Fire Station and via ZOOM conference call on Monday, April 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m.