

**Lyme Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Center Academy Building**

The meeting was conducted in person in accordance with New Hampshire's "right to know" statute. The meeting was held outside, because the acting chair forgot to get a key, leaving no access to the building and no way to facilitate a Zoom link.

CC Attendance in Person: Tom Colgan, Sue MacKenzie (*Acting Chair and Secretary pro tempore*), Meg Sheehan, Matt Stevens and Sara Zahendra,
Guest: John Biglow

Acting Chair MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Outreach and Education

- ☐ **Lyme Elementary School Ecology Educators Needed** -- Adrienne Flower appeared before the Commission seeking volunteers to help teach in the school's Four Winds Ecology Education Program. Volunteers will be trained in the topics to be presented. One-hour sessions.

2. Review and Approve Minutes from 2023-08-07 Meeting

On a motion from Tom, seconded by Sarah, the minutes of the August meeting were passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Land Protection and Easements

- ☐ **Post Pond Eurasian Milfoil Control Program Update** –The final work day was held 9/10/23. A total of 30 plants were harvested. Again, there was limited visibility. Overall, it was a successful season. Watchers will continue to survey the pond and monitor any new growth.

- ☐ **LBWG Update re End of Season Recap: Meg presented a full report. Attached**

2023 UVTA Chaffee Project Payment Authorization: \$5,260.

The final invoice for this summer's construction of an "accessible" footpath and improved parking area in the Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary was received from the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. Motion to approve by Tom, second by Sarah. Approved unanimously by roll call. The payment amount will be withdrawn from the Conservation Fund.

- * 2023 Expense Reimbursement for the Post Pond Milfoil Project: \$237.92**

Sue reported that expenses for supplies, collection bags and SCUBA tank air refills, came \$237.92. Motion to approve reimbursement by Matt, seconded by Tom, Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Invoice attached

Land Protection and Easements, cont.

- * **Dog Policy for the Chaffee** -- Matt reminded the meeting that there is an existing policy (2010 Draft Management plan), prohibiting dogs (except service dogs) anywhere in the Chaffee. All agreed there needs to be more signage for the entire area. A kiosk was suggested that could include information about the pollinator garden, trail maps, etc., A site or location for the signage to be determined.

4. Project and Application Review

- **No Items Submitted**

5. Outreach and Education

- **Environmental Education at the Lyme School** – See above

6. Other Business

- **No Items Submitted**

7. Publicity

- **No Items Submitted**

8. Adjournment

- ☐ On a motion by Matt, seconded by Sarah, Acting Chair MacKenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm, just moments before the rain came.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue MacKenzie, acting chair and secretary *pro tempore*

If matters of business warrant it, the next meeting of the Lyme Conservation Commission will take place in person and via remote teleconference at the Lyme Center Academy Building on Monday, October 2, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m.