

LYME OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2021

Present: Parker Lord, Chair; Anthony Irving, Robert Standish, Humphrey Tyler, Rolf Wolfswinkel. Lucius Stark.

Guests: Wendolyn Hill-Open Space Coordinator, Ross Byrne- P&Z Enforcement Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting were accepted.

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of construction for access to Selden Creek Preserve for kayaks and canoes. Humphrey outlined a recent kayak visit with Anthony to assess the distance required to reach standing water in the cove at low tide from the high water line. Their estimate is 100 feet which is greater than would be permitted under town zoning requirements which allow up to 80sq. feet for a walkway/dock. Ross presented an aerial map with distance evaluations that appeared to confirm the distance estimates. It was not clearly understood as to whether the state DEEP or town jurisdiction would take precedence if an application were submitted. Humphrey agreed to contact DEEP to better understand feasibility and jurisdiction, and Ross will confirm the town regulations for Selden Cove.

New Business:

Property of Phylis Kiel on Grassy Hill Road may come to market as it is currently in probate. Parker described how the property is a connection between Grassy Hill and Nehantic State Park to the west.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Irving, committee member