

Ordinance Authorizing Town Regulation of Forest Practices

Be it ordained by the Town of Lyme (“Town”), acting by Town Meeting, its legislative body:

WHEREAS, the Town is one of twenty (20) Connecticut towns authorized by the Connecticut legislature to regulate forest practices within Town borders, other than state-owned forest land; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes § 23-65k permits the Town, acting through its inland wetlands agency, to adopt regulations to protect the Town’s forest land; and

WHEREAS, the Town Conservation Commission, acting pursuant to ordinance as the Town’s inland wetlands agency, is the appropriate agency to be regulating forest practices in Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as the Town of Lyme inland wetlands agency, is authorized and directed to promulgate regulations that are consistent with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) regulations and necessary to protect forest land within the Town of Lyme, except for state-owned forest land managed by DEEP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Conservation Commission shall be the sole municipal agent for regulation of forest practices within the Town of Lyme.