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Meeting March 19, 2025

The Lyme Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371.

Members Present: Roger Dill (chair), Mike Lombardozzi, Ben Kegley, Sue Hessel, Tom Reynolds, Christine Darnell, Susan Fox (alternate), Ross Byrne (ZEO), Lannie Mossberg (Secretary).
Absent Member: Pat Crowley
Members of the Public Present.
Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
Seat Alternate Member Alternate member Fox was seated for absent member Crowley.
Regular Meeting

1. **Lisa Knepshield; 242 Beaver Brook Rd. Map 45, Lot 10: An application to extend the existing 11-foot dock by 29 feet, totaling 40 feet (4 foot wide), within the waterway**. Site visit attended by Darnell, Kegley, Lombardozzi, and Dill.
   Present were Lisa Knepshield and Dave Tiffany. Knepshield said she wanted to expand the dock because the end is currently in a marshy spot. Expanding this gives a little more depth into the lake. She would like to expand to continue using her paddle boards, kayaks, and swimming. Darnell questioned if they had the letters to abutters. Knepshield said she would have them for the next meeting. Kegley questioned what would be added to the dock. Tiffany spoke and said he's hoping to use "Tommy-dock," and he will do a two-inch pipe with an auger, totaling 8 new posts. He hasn't decided what material to use: Trex, pressure treated, or cedar. There is currently Ipe.
   Continued to next month with; What materials will be used, letters to abutter notices, photos to show the dock location, and documentation stating the path will remain the same and there will be no lighting.

2. **William LaBossier/Katy Walsh; 219 Blood St. Map 20.4, Lot, 57: An application requesting approval to relocate a 12x16x13 foot shed within the side and rear setbacks, within the Upland Review Area. An approval for a 48x6-inch stairway down to Rogers Lake**. Site visit attended by Lombardozzi, Kegley, Dill, and Darnell.

Dill explained the shed was already built, and the applicant went before ZBA for a variance, but they were denied.
Present and speaking was William LaBossier. LaBossier presented his application. His application showed where the old shed was, the current one is, and where he would like to move the currently built shed to. Dill questioned using a soil scientist and surveyor to mark & determine where the wetlands are. Darnell said the proposed location would be good since it would have the least tree and plant removal. She also questioned how the stairs would be created. I.e., stone, wood, or granite. Kegley spoke and said he was concerned that ice would break the stone steps. He suggested cement. Labossier said he would be hiring a mason. Discussion of the path leading to the shed. The board suggested an elevated boardwalk. Reynolds said if Labossier wants to include that in the application, to bring details next month. Dill read two letters from abutters confirming they are ok with the shed moving. Continued to next month with; a survey map marked with the shed location, photo documentation, a construction sequence, documentation of the path and how it will be maintained, and more details about the stairway.

Old Business Byrne introduced the Homeowner of 73 Ferry Rd, Herold Horwich, and explained he was present to speak with the board in hopes of getting some answers for moving forward on his remediation. Horwich said Sandy Weiss from the Coastal Conservation District visited the property. She used an auger and said there was only one inch of soil before hitting the rock. Therefore, you would need big equipment to plant, and it would just wash away during high rain seasons. Fox suggested core logs and plugs and then use native seeds. Dill suggested a site walk before the next meeting.
New Business Dill started a conversation about 158 Joshuatown. He believes there is a high-functioning vernal pool streetside. Byrne explained the culvert is most likely clogged because it looks filled across the street. That means the water has nowhere to drain off. Discussion of the property, possible wetlands and vernal pool. Byrne will write the owners a letter to come in for a discussion with the board.
Byrne briefed on a litigation case that was ongoing for 18 years. He explained the history of the case and property and said the property owners would be present at next month's meeting. Reynolds said Hydrilla is in the Cove, and the state is looking to come in after they find funding and kill all the weeds in the cove. They will continue through the cove and creeks, including Selden and Whalebone Cove.

Approval of the minutes from September 17, 2024 Darnell made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Reynolds. Unanimous. Hessel was not present at the September meeting.
Adjournment 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lannie Mossberg Secretary