LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

The Lyme Affordable Housing Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme CT 06371.

Members Present: Co-Chair Carol House, Co-Chair Carlene Gerber, First Selectman David Lahm, Allyson Cotton, Jim Miller, Phyllis Ross, Andrew Gibson
Selectman Kiker, First Selectperson elect Zelek Selectman and St Louis were present.

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

Resignation of Co-chairs: Co-chairs Carol House and Carlene Gerber Resigned.

Election of Chair: David Lahm nominated Jim Miller to serve as Chair. Second by Andrew Gibson. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote. David Lahm thanked the Co-Chairs for their service.

Chairman's Statement. Jim Miller outlined priorities for the upcoming year that focus on initiatives that can be enacted under existing statute and zoning code with a goal of approval at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2026. These initiatives include 1) creation of an endowment for the preservation of affordable housing in Lyme, which could provide low-cost loans to qualifying homeowners for rehabilitation of existing affordable homes, and 2) a property tax credit program for properties rented to landlords of renters qualifying for affordable housing under Connecticut guidelines, potentially focused on Fire Department and Ambulance volunteers.

Old Business: Plan of Conservation and Development update. Carol House briefed the Commission on the status of the draft POCD, including survey results and comments available for review and encouraged citizens to attend the public hearing on the draft POCD, scheduled for November 12. A discussion of potential zoning issues ensued.

New Business: The commission discussed the roles of the Commission as opposed to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance in funding affordable housing programs as well as the status and potential role of the non-profit Lyme Compact. Further discussion ensued regarding the potential cost of construction of affordable units, should the Commission entertain such possibilities in the future.

Adjournment
7:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Miller (Chair)