LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

The Lyme Affordable Housing Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday March 30, 2026at 6:30pm at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Rd, Lyme CT 06371.

Members Present: Chair Jim Miller, Carol House, Carlene Gerber, First Selectperson Christy Zelek, Allyson Cotton, Tom St. Louis, Phyllis Ross
Selectman Kiker, was also present.

Call to Order 6:33 p.m.

Update on HB 8002 Timeline and Requirements: Chairman Miller reviewed the timeline and requirements related to HB8002 and provided a copy of the River COG Presentation on this topic.

Formation of a Housing Growth Plan Drafting Committee: Chairman Miller pointed out the Lyme will have a choice of adopting the Housing Growth Plan for the region, which will be prepared by River COG or adopting its own plan if the River COG plan does not meet the needs and goals of Lyme. Should we decide to create our own plan, we would like two volunteers to create a draft of such plan for consideration by the Commission. A decision on which path we take will be decided after River Cog receives a housing unit assignment from the state.

New Business: Carol House recommended that the Commission reactivate the Housing Rehabilitation Program that was presented to the Board of Selectpeople in December. Chairman Miller reminded the Commission that The Board of Selectpeople decided to postpone any individual housing initiatives until we have a full scope of plans for meeting the requirements of HB8002.

There was a discussion of the feasibility of attaining financing for the 13 existing affordable homes subject to ground leases and the practicality of new buyers getting mortgages and existing owners financing repairs. Ms. Gerber suggested that if we make any modifications to the ground leases, we look at subdividing those properties to create new buildable lots for affordable houses. First Selectperson Zelek and Chairman Miller agreed to undertake additional research of the issue.

Adjournment
7:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Miller (Chair)