Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009 – 6:00 Lyme Center Academy Building

Commission Attendees: Dina Cutting, Peter Mulvihill, Kathleen Henriques, Tom Yurkosky and Rec Director Steve Small

Public Attendees: Lou-Anne Conroy, Simon Carr

Steve gave an updated report on basketball and skiing results to date. Steve also presented a draft of the Recreation Commission Annual Report for 2008. Pete made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by Tom and approved by a unanimous vote.

Simon reported on a meeting with himself, Dina, Matt Stevens and Jeanie McIntyre at the Upper Valley Land Trust. In that meeting Jeanie indicated the UVLT would likely be willing to take the easement, subject to a suitable management plan (this is not a firm commitment from UVLT at this time). The UVLT would want us to guarantee the initial costs of their taking the easement. Simon also reported that Matt said the Conservation Commission would not stand in the way of the UVLT taking the easement.

There was further discussion re-affirming the understanding that NH Fish and Game had no intention to assert any jurisdiction over Lyme's water release policy. It was also reported that the NH Department of Environmental Services position on the water level and water release policy was unchanged. It was also reported that Collis Adams at NHDES was satisfied with the solution of placing a conservation easement on the Chaffee Wildlife Refuge.

Dina distributed draft warrant articles to the group. Kathleen made a motion to approve the draft of Article 8, seconded by Pete and approved by unanimous vote. Kathleen made a motion to send the draft of Article 9 to the Conservation Commission for their approval, seconded by Pete and approved by unanimous vote.

We then discussed plan for presentation of our plans to the community, and the following meetings were established:

Monday February 9, 6:00 pm at the LCAB – Rec Commission to work on presentation to the public for updated plans on Chase Beach and John Balch Field

Monday February 23, 6:00 pm for Rec Commission meeting, 7:00 pm for presentation to the public on updated plans

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Yurkosky