The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on July 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Dill acting Chair, Sue Hessel, Patrick Crowley, Ben Kegley, seated alternate Sue Cope, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary.
Absent Members: Tom Reynolds, Paul Armond, and alternates Jake Tiffany and Christine Darnell

Dill called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Seat Alternate Member
Alternate member Sue Cope was seated for absent regular member Paul Armond.

Regular Meeting
Sousan Arafeh and Andrew Hudson, 47 Hickory Street, Tax Map 40.4 Lot 9; an application to install a removable stanchion dock. The ‘L’ shaped dock will extend 24 ft. from shore and be 20 ft. long from the corner.
Present: Sousan Arafeh and Andrew Hudson
Site walk attended by Cope, Dill, Kegley, and Byrne
Hudson presented the commission with information on the dock they are proposing install. It will be an “L” shape with an aluminum frame and cedar decking.
Dill called for any comments or questions from the commission.
Cope asked if the applicants had received anything from the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) and Arefeh stated that an email was received. She read the email to the commission, noting that the RLA has no issues with the proposed dock. A copy of the email will be provided to Byrne for the record.
Hudson stated that there are no immediate plans to change the existing plantings, but would welcome any advice from the commission.
Cope offered to help identify what plants are there now and make suggestions on the best way to retain the bank.
Byrne said that if the applicants would like to implement any cutting or planting, they should first contact his office for approval or referral to the commission.
Dill stated that the installation of the dock should not affect the surrounding area much, as the bulkhead and stairs are already existing.
Dill thanked the applicants and informed them that the commission will vote on the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Old Business-None

New Business

Recent legislation changes
Byrne stated that the state has passed legislation that will affect the period of time an issued permit is valid. With the new legislation, if other permits are required (e.g. Planning and Zoning or Zoning Board of Appeals) the permit becomes valid for five years from the date in which all needed permits have been granted. Byrne will continue to review the legislation and bring any other pertinent changes to the commission.

Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting.
Dill entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting as presented. Hessel made the motion, seconded by Kegley, and the motion carried with one abstention by Crowley.

Adjournment
Dill called for a motion to adjourn. Hessel made the motion, seconded by Cope and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary