

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2014

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Penny Heller, Member
Marvin Schutt, Member
Mark Christansen, Member
Laura Ashburn, Alternate

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Absent: Tom Kalal, Member
Ron Nichols, Alternate

Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:03 p.m. Alternate Laura Ashburn was asked to be seated.

I. Additions to the Agenda. There were no additions to the Agenda.

II. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

III. Minutes.

A. Minutes of April 9, 2014. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: On page 2 the last sentence of the first paragraph of item C to be revised as follows: "He was the President of the first Connecticut Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and Professor of Connecticut College."

MOTION (1): Mr. Schutt moved to accept the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Ms. Ashburn abstained from voting. (4-0-1)
Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Heller reported 10 bunnies were caught during the rabbit testing and one was a New England Cottontail. It was suggested to have briar up the two stone walls and down the slope. Mr. Carlson stated the review team and forester more or less agreed.

V. OLD BUSINESS. Ms. Heller stated she will be receiving a spreadsheet from the Niantic River Group monthly.

She was invited to a rapid bio workshop in July. Ms. Ashburn would like to also attend.

Mr. Christiansen arrived.

Ms. Ashburn plans to talk to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, regarding the aquifer protection regulations.

Mr. Christiansen reported Steve Gephart informed him the Town owns the road at Darrow Pond. He suggested building the road up, and he will run a fish ladder under the road. The state has determined the dam is not safe.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. There was no communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christiansen reported the agricultural group will be in the Memorial Day Parade.

He added three farms can be visited on Open Farm Day. There will also be an event at the Samuel Smith House.

C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported Mr. Harney wishes to put 180 acres in open space. He has received a \$500,000 grant as a 50/50 share from the state and Town. Commission members were invited to express their support for this at the June 4 Selectmen's Meeting.

Two Eagle Scouts are working with him on projects at Darrow Pond.

D. Ex-officio. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present.

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (2): Mr. Christiansen moved to adjourn the May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary