

**East Lyme Agri-Business Committee  
Conservation of Natural Resources Commission  
Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2014**

Members present: Mark Christensen, Steven Dinsmore, Barbara and Clyde Turner, Tom and Nancy Kalal

**Delegations:**

Dr. Robert DeSanto is interested in producing a digital essay of East Lyme's farms, with a goal of promoting agriculture in East Lyme. He expects that the project will take a year or so to complete. The motion to use Dr Desanto's services passed 5-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes: 5-0-0**

**Budget Funding:**

We have asked for \$900 from our parent commission.

**Open Farm Day:**

The SameulSmith House is excited about the event and is already getting display activites together. Tom and Mark are asking other farmers to join for the day.

**Tour de Farms:**

Tom is still working on the bike tour, with water stops at farms on the trail.

**Town Web Site:**

James Christensen will give some of his farm photos to Carmen Ames, on a thumb drive.

**East Lyme Middle School Garden:**

Tom met with the 5th grade teachers yesterday. The garden of this past year was so successful that it has become integrated into the curriculum for 2014. The teachers said that they learned a lot, and would like to add fruits to the garden.

**4-H Update:**

Feathers and Hide is actively working on their project, raising chickens for fun and eggs in backyards. A horse trailer was donated, which needs a floor. Clyde and Mark both have lumber that they will donate to the project. The trailer will move from house to house so that each club member can participate in raising the chickens. The New London County Extention is excited about the idea, would like the trailer to reside with them when our club is done with it.

**Harbor Management Report:**

One of the shellfish leases will not be renewed, at this time.

Motion to Adjourn made at 7:39.

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