

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Penny Heller, Member
Don Danila, Member
Mark Christensen, Member
Ron Nichols, Alternate
Laura Ashburn, Alternate

Absent: Marvin Schutt, Member

Also Present: Barbara Johnston
Rose Ann Hardy, ex officio

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Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nicholas was asked to be seated.

I. Public Delegations. Ms. Johnston asked if East Society Road is now a Town road? She did not feel it should be used as a driveway for the Gateway project. It was felt her question should be brought to Gary Goeschel.

Mark Christensen arrived.

II Minutes.

A. Minutes of October 14, 2015. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the October 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: On page 1, the last sentence in Call to Order, there is a typo on Mr. Nichols name. The second paragraph, the quote of the second sentence should be rewritten as follows: All of the wells have been found to have high levels of sodium believed to be from road salt in them. On page 2 the next to the last sentence of the first paragraph to be rewritten as follows: "Mr. Nichols felt it is obvious that run off from the parking lot will not enhance our drinking water supply."

MOTION (1): Ms. Heller moved to approve the October 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hole in the Wall Discussion. This matter was tabled.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

V. Continuation of Water Study. Mr. Carlson showed Commission members the aquifer boundary. Ms. Ashburn felt it should be shown how much it would cost to put in a purification system to make up for a loss of our aquifer system. Ms. Heller felt the Open Space Plan should include the aquifer protection area.

There was discussion on water gardens. They take out nitrogen and oil and grease to some degree. Mr. Nichols asked who would be responsible for the water gardens? Mr. Carlson replied Planning, engineering staff and city fathers.

Rose Ann Hardy arrived.

Ms. Hardy reported she attended an Aquifer Protection Commission last week. Mr. Carlson agreed to give them this Commission's Report. Mr. Nichols also attended the Aquifer Protection Commission Meeting.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Ms. Heller reported she and Mr. Danila took samples and Cranberry Meadow Brook. Photos were taken.

Ms. Ashburn took her class to Latimer Brook.

Mr. Nichols felt because of the lower stream flow, the biology in the stream are affected.

A. Communications. There were no communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported Terri Smith applied for the Farmer's Market Grant.

A Bike Ride will be held on September 24, 2016 together with the Pequot Cyclists. Parks and Recreation will set it up and contact the police in various towns that it will take place in. There will be a short ride for youngsters, as well as a 10, 20 and 62 mile ride. Ms. Ashburn suggested having a scavenger hunt for the youngsters.

Mr. Christensen reported a Pot Luck will be held with the Historical Society, Conservation Commission and Land Trust in January.

The Agribusiness Subcommittee is now on Facebook (elfarmers.com).

C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported there has been an archeological dig at the Samuel Smith House. They found 1,850 artifacts. The Samuel Smith House was a working man's house built in 1685.

Mr. Carlson reported we now have the Goodwin Trail. Three Eagle Scouts projects have been completed on the site. Other scouts are interested in working on their Eagle Scout project in this area. We have

received a \$50,000 grant for trail work in East Lyme and some work in the Eight Mile River Watershed. Ms. Ashburn asked how long is the Darrow Pond hike? Mr. Carlson replied it is five miles to Grassy Hill Road or Whistletown Road.

D. Ex-officio. Mrs. Hardy stated she would like to see public input at the Aquifer Protection Commission meetings. It was felt this Commission should jointly meet with them.

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (2): Ms. Christensen moved to adjourn the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary