

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2016

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

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Don Danila, Member

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Carlson called the April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nichols was asked to be seated.

**I. Public Delegations.** Judy Rondeau, Tom, Nancy and Kevin Kalal were present.

**II Minutes.**

**A. Minutes of February 10, 2016.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (1): Ms. Heller moved to approve the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. Mr. Schutt abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.**

**Minutes of March 9, 2016.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Christensen moved to approve the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Mr. Schutt abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Judy Rondeau of ECCD, Coordinator for the Niantic River Watershed Committee, to propose a Joint Manure Management Project Between the Commission and NRWC**

Ms. Rondeau reported they have decided to look at farm run off. Programs are available through the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. Last month they applied for funding through the Dominion Foundation for Small Farm Best Management Practice for manure. They will be working with the four watershed towns. She asked if this Commission wishes to partner with the Niantic River Watershed Committee.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Nichols moved that this Commission supports a partnership with the Niantic River Watershed Committee's efforts regarding manure management. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Ms. Rondeau agreed to inform this Commission if the grant is received.

**B. Summary of Our Accomplishments.** Mr. Carlson reviewed the accomplishments of this Commission since it was established. The entire Commission will work on the final product.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Continuation of Water Study.** Mr. Carlson and Ron Nicols will meet with Mr. Williams of DEEP. Mr. Carlson plans to meet with the Town Engineer next Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

#### **V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Communications.** There were no new communications.

**B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.** Mr. Christensen reported we met last month with representatives of the state and Connecticut Farm Bureau. The First Selectman was in attendance.

Mr. Christensen reported he spoke at the Zoning Commission meeting in favor of the application for White Gate Farm to hold agricultural programs at their farm.

He stated we are planning for the Memorial Day Parade and discussing Open Farm Day. Nancy Kalal met with the First Selectman regarding Celebrate East Lyme.

Mr. Christensen spoke with the Garden Club regarding partnering with them.

We will have a Bike and Barbeque event on October 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**C. RBA Report--Penny Heller.** We have found water is better in the north end than in the south end of Town.

**D. Chairman's Report.** Mr. Carlson volunteered this Commission to lead hikes on Trails Day to be held June 4 and 5. The Commission created this trail and also negotiated a twenty year lease to hike on the Yale property, which property is part of the trail between Darrow Pond and the Nehantic State Forest. Tomorrow he will finish all markers. All maps will be prepared.

Ms. Heller informed Mr. Carlson she is only available on June 5.

**E. EX-OFFICIO.** Ms. Hardy was unable to be present.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT.**

**MOTION (4):**        **Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary