

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2016

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

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Dec 20 2016 AT 3:00 AM/PM  
Karen Galbo, ATZ  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Marvin Schutt, Member  
Ron Nichols, Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Carlson called the December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:05 p.m.

**MOTION (1): Mr. Danila moved to request that Ms. Ashburn be seated. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (5-0) Unanimous.**

**I. Public Delegations.** There were no guests.

**II Minutes.**

**A. Minutes of November 9, 2016.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation of Natural Resources.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Christensen moved to approve the November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Goodwin Trail.** Mr. Carlson reported we now have a parking lot with five spaces on Whistletown Road. A kiosk has been erected at that entrance.

More trees have been cut at Grassy Hill Road to allow for a parking lot.

The Goodwin Trail will be posted on the internet.

He has had positive comments about the trail.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Continuation of Water Study.** The Water Study is continuing to be developed.

**V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Communications.** Mr. Carlson reported that a DEEP representative will meet with this Commission at 10 a.m. on January 24, 2017 at East Lyme Town Hall for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. Carlson read about glacial deposits in the east. All of New England has the same deposits.

He passed out The Habitat newsletters for spring, summer and fall.

**B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.** Mr. Christensen reported the subcommittee is continuing to work on beekeeping ordinances. The Beekeepers Association has put forth suggested standards. We have tentatively scheduled a meeting on January 20 at the East Lyme Library.

A potluck supper will be held on January 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Niantic Community Church. He will send email invitations out. The snow date for it is January 15.

Clyde and Barbara Turner have resigned from the Agribusiness Subcommittee. New individuals are willing to fill in.

**C. RBV Report--Penny Heller.** Ms. Heller reported we have finished the sampling. The results are forthcoming.

**D. Chairman's Report.** Mr. Carlson was asked by Ms. Hardy to give a report on Open Space and funding for it to East Lyme High School students. The students plan to make a video of it.

**E. Ex-officio.** Ms. Hardy was unable to be present.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT.**

**MOTION (3)**      **Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Christiensen. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gherzi, Recording Secretary