

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2016

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

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
Jan 19, 2016 AT 2:30 AM/PM  
Rose Ann Hardy  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Marvin Schutt, Member  
Ron Nichols, Alternate

Also Present: Rose Ann Hardy, ex officio

**Call to Order.** Chairman Carlson called the January 13, 2016 Special Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ashburn was asked to be seated.

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

## **II Minutes.**

**A. Minutes of November 10, 2015.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: On page 1, the first motion was made by Mr. Danila and the last motion was made by Mr. Christensen.

**MOTION (1):** Mr. Christensen moved to approve the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.  
Seconded by Ms. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Request for Funding Support.**

Mr. Carlson reported he received a letter from the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District requesting \$1500 to help support the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. This organization runs training, holds workshops and sends this Commission its monthly newsletter. The Commission will consider this request and take action on it at the February meeting.

Mr. Danila informed the Commission Judy Rando is interested in a Manure Management project. She would like to come to this Commission's February meeting to discuss it. Commission members felt she should be invited to the February meeting.

## **B. Schedule of 2016 Meeting Dates.**

The Commission reviewed the Conservation of Natural Resources proposed schedule of meeting dates.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Christensen moved to approve the 2016 meeting dates, as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.**

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

### **A. Continuation of Water Study.**

Mr. Carlson attended a Planning Commission Meeting and discussed the Conservation of Natural Resources water study. This study is nearing completion. The Planning Commission requested a briefing at this time.

## **VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

### **A. Communications.**

Mr. Carlson reported on communications he received.

### **B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.**

Mr. Christensen reported the Potluck Dinner had 57 attendees. There were members from the Land Trust, Conservation and Historical groups, as well as four Selectmen and members of the general public in attendance.

Betty Murphy spent \$83.52 for various items for the Potluck, and Mr. Christensen asked that she be reimbursed.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Christensen moved to reimburse Betty Murphy \$83.52 for supplies for the Potluck Dinner. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Mr. Christensen reported there will be a Bike Ride planning meeting on January 19, 2016 in the Parks and Recreation Office at 6 p.m. The ride will be held on October 1.

Mr. Christensen informed the Commission part of the grant the Agribusiness Subcommittee received was used to develop a better link to the Town website. Brochures were also developed.

Mr. Christensen reported 41 people attended a Beekeeper Seminar.

**C. RBA--Ms. Heller.**

Mr. Carlson asked Ms. Heller for a written report on the Rapid Bio Assessment. Ms. Heller agreed to write it.

**D. EX-OFFICIO.** Ms. Hardy reported the Board of Selectmen will be reviewing budgets.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT.**

**MOTION (4):**        **Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the January 13, 2016 Special Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:36 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary