

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016

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

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Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Carlson called the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

II Minutes.

A. Minutes of May 11, 2016. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Danila asked that it be noted in the May 11, 2016 Minutes that he was absent.

MOTION (1): Mr. Christensen moved to approve the May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Messrs. Schutt and Danila abstained from voting. (5-0-2) Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carlson suggested that this Commission not meet in July or August.

MOTION (2): Mr. Danila moved that the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission not meet in July or August, unless there is pressing business as decided by the Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (6-0) Unanimous.

Ms. Heller reported Travis Goddie called her regarding the cottontail bunnies. He trapped the bunnies in order to count them. She received a telephone call from a reporter of Planning Magazine. The

reporter wanted to know how the Town felt about threatened species so the reporter could write an article. Ms. Heller informed the reporter that the Town is concerned about threatened species.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study. Mr. Carlson showed Commission members well locations on maps. All contained sodium. Ms. Heller suggested bringing the maps to this Commission's booth during Celebrate East Lyme.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. Mr. Carlson read letter he wrote to USFWS on May 18 supporting an Open Space grant on a piece of property in the Open Space Plan.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported the Memorial Day Parade was cancelled.

He informed the Commission the Agribusiness Subcommittee now has a Beekeeping Subcommittee. Steve Dinsmore, the President of the Beekeeping Association is involved. Zoning has agreed to it in a two acre zone. The state is considering a Pollination Bill. Regulations have been passed regarding pesticides.

Mr. Christensen reported Open Farm Day will be held on July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Kalal, the Morgan and the Gear farms will be open. He asked that this Commission fund the cost of the brochure for Open Farm Day.

MOTION (3): **Ms. Heller moved that this Commission pay the cost of the brochure for Open Farm Day for an amount not to exceed \$100. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (6-0) Unanimous.**

He informed the Commission a Bike and Barbeque event will be held on October 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a short and long ride.

C. RBA Report--Penny Heller. Mr. Carlson reported he has received Ms. Heller's RBA Report.

D. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported he attended the Niantic Headwater's fundraiser at White Gate Farms. On Wednesday morning he walked on 33 acres of property of the Niantic Headwaters.

The Samuel Smith House community garden has been planted. Three people have signed up for three plots. At the Open House on Saturday, the Rotary will have a planting. Mr. Schutt has arranged for publicity.

Mr. Carlson plans to put on the Town website a map of Darrow Pond and a map of Harmon Park.

He asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to have signs indicating that no motorized vehicles are allowed.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION (4): **Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (6-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary