

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2016

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

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CONNECTICUT
March 16, 2016 AT 10:30 AM/PM
Cesley Ashburn
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Marvin Schutt, Member

Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Nichols was asked to be seated.

I. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

II Minutes.

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

The following corrections were noted: On page 1, the first motion was seconded by Mr. Danila. On page 1 the last paragraph the name "Rondeau" was misspelled.

MOTION (1): Mr. Danila moved to approve the January 11, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Mr. Nichols abstained from voting. (5-0-1) Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. Rondeau plans to attend the April meeting of this Commission.

B. Election of 2016 Officers. The Commission was asked for nominations for Chairman of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2016.

MOTION (2): Mr. Nichols moved to nominate Art Carlson as Chairman of the East Lyme Conservation of Natural Resources Commission for 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Danila. (6-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Mr. Carlson was unanimously elected Chairman of the East Lyme Conservation of Natural Resources Commission for 2016.

The Commission was asked for nominations for Secretary of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission.

MOTION (3): Mr. Nichols moved to nominate Penny Heller as Secretary of the East Lyme Conservation of Natural Resources Commission for 2016. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (6-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Penny Heller was unanimously elected Secretary of the East Lyme Conservation of Natural Resources Commission for 2016.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study.

Messrs. Carlson and Goeschel will have discussion with Neal Williams of DEEP Water and Permitting, Health Section, who is interested in storm water run off. Mr. Carlson plans to invite him to a meeting of this Commission.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications.

There was no communications received.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.

Mr. Christensen informed the Commission the Agribusiness Subcommittee received a grant that was used for its brochures.

He stated we are planning a Celebration of Agriculture at the Town Hall on March 16 at 6 p.m. Steve Reviczky, Connecticut Agricultural Commissioner will attend.

Mr. Christensen reported the Bike Ride will be held on October 1. We plan to have a short ride for youngsters, as well as a 10, 25 and 62 mile ride. At the end of the ride there will be food and a free tee shirt for participants. We are planning on the shorter distance riders to visit the three historical houses in Town. Mr. Nickerson has volunteered his band to play at Rocky Neck. Parks and Recreation has agreed to loan seed money for the Bike Ride. The next meeting will be held on March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation meeting room.

At the urging of the Agribusiness Subcommittee, the Zoning Commission agreed to signage concerning farm tractors on public roads. Also they plan to meet with Zoning on the need for honey bee regulations.

C. RBA--Ms. Heller.

Ms. Heller reported the water levels are low and they cannot get RBA readings.

Mr. Danila invited Commission members to attend a Workshop on March 25 at Yale on insect identification.

D. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Commission will advertise hikes on the Goodwin Trail in June for Trail Day that they will lead

E. EX-OFFICIO.

Ms. Hardy was unable to be present, and there was no report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION (4): Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary