

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

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

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Nov 15 2016 AT 1:35 AM/PM
Karen Yulko, Clerk
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Marvin Schutt, Member

CALL TO ORDER. Acting Chairlady Heller called the November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:07 p.m. The alternates were seated.

I. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

II Minutes.

A. Minutes of October 12, 2016. Ms. Heller asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the October 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation of Natural Resources.

The following corrections were noted: On page 1, the last sentence to be revised as follows: "The gas station is 300' away from the aquifer protection zone." On page 2 C. The name of the report is "RBV".

MOTION (1): Ms. Ashburn moved to approve the October 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. Mr. Nichols abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Goodwin Trail. One of the kiosks was vandalized.

Road debris fill is being placed on top of the old J. C. Penny foundation. The plan is to grade it.

B. Schedule of 2017 CNR Meeting Dates. Commission members agreed to meet at East Lyme Town Hall on the second Wednesday of each month in 2017.

MOTION (2): Ms. Ashburn moved to approve the 2017

meeting dates for the Conservation of Natural Resources on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (5-0) Unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

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

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. Mr. Nichols reported when COSTCO was approved they agreed to redo the Exit 74 interchange. Zoning approved COSTCO and the gas station. He suggested that this Commission write a letter to Planning and refer to the POCD. He felt it would be advisable that the Town get together with DOT when they work on Exit 74. Mr. Christensen suggested notifying Mr. Mulholland. Mr. Nichols suggested that this Commission work together with Planning, Zoning and DOT on the reconfiguration of I-95.

Chairman Carlson arrived. He informed the Commission a trail map will be ready after the parking lot on Whistletown Road is completed. Trees will be removed on Grassy Hill Road for a parking lot. Volunteers will be needed for care and maintenance of the Goodwin Trail. He agreed to have a trail map placed on the Town website.

It was felt Planning needs to be in contact with DOT on the design of I-95. The POCD should be noted.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported the subcommittee is working on beekeeping ordinances and are planning to have a Beekeeping Seminar. Commission members attended a talk with a UCONN scientist on how an aquifer is protected. Fifty-four individuals attended.

C. RBV Report--Penny Heller. Ms. Heller and Mr. Danila worked on Latimer and Cranberry and found three or four of the most wanted species.

D. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported sixty individuals attended a program at the Niantic River Head Water's Preserve. A hike was led around the property. There was much enthusiasm.

Ms. Heller stated the New England Forestry is planning a full survey of the area.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION (3) Ms. Ashburn moved to adjourn the November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission

**for the Conservation of Natural Resources
at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (6-0)
Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

