

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

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

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K. Ashburn, Clerk  
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Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Carlson called the September 14, 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 June 8, 2016.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: On page 2, the last sentence, is revised as follows: "Mr. Carlson plans to put on the Town website a map of Darrow Pond and a map of Hartman Park."

**MOTION (1):** Mr. Schutt moved to approve the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.  
Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (5-0)  
Unanimous.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Goodwin Trail.** There was an article in The Day on Sunday July 31, 2016 about the accomplishments of this Commission on the Goodwin Trail.

Mr. Carlson reported he Dick Raymond (State Forester) and Kevin Lacey walked the trail to locate parts of the trail for rehab.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Continuation of Water Study.** Ms. Heller reported the water level has been very low. She felt the earliest the Water Study can be continued is in October.

**V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Communications.** Mr. Carlson gave Commission members copies of The Habitat from Winter 2016 and Spring 2016

Email from Mark Christensen to DEEP regarding information on a gas station planned for in East Lyme and DEEP's response.

**B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.** Mr. Christensen informed the Commission the 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. He stated approximately \$4,000 has been raised from business sponsorships. The sponsorships will pay for shirts, the barbeque and water bottles for the bikers. To date thirty-six individuals have registered. Ms. Heller and Mr. Christensen have distributed flyers for this event at various biking events.

The short ride will visit the three historical houses in Town. The Thomas Lee House will be open and Butch Foster will be playing with his band. The Samuel Smith House will have a woodworker demonstrating his work using old tools. There will also be a musket display. The Smith- Harris House will have an open house, refreshments and a model railroad demonstration in the barn. Two DEEP conservation officers will be at the event. Bike teams are marking the routes. Each ride will be a different color code. Betty Mahan is in charge of publicity.

The Agribusiness Subcommittee had a Beekeepers' Meeting with the Zoning Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to allowed bees in East Lyme. Zoning withdrew the application, because the Connecticut Beekeepers put forth guidelines for beekeeping in municipalities. The beekeepers plan to write regulations to allow for it. The Zoning Commission spoke positively about having bees in East Lyme.

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

**D. Chairman's Report.** Mr. Carlson reviewed the latest water quality map from 2015 and 2010.

Mr. Carlson discussed the capacity of wells in Town. Rain gardens and artificial wetlands were discussed.

**MOTION (2):** Ms. Heller moved to accept the request to provide a speaker for the Land Trust Lecture on water quality some time in October. Seconded by Mr. Danila.  
(5-0) Unanimous.

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

## VI. ADJOURNMENT.

**MOTION (3):** Mr. Danila moved to adjourn the September 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources

**at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Christensen (5-0)  
Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

