

**EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2017**

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

Absent: Laura Ashburn, Alternate
Marvin Schutt, Member

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Apr 19 20 17 AT 8:45 (AM/PM)
Kenneth Yulkin, Clerk
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carlson called the April 12, 2017 Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Mr. Nichols was asked to be seated.

I. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no guests.

II. MINUTES

Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Mr. Christensen moved to approve the March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation of Natural Resources, as presented. (5-0) Unanimous

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Goodwin Trail. Mr. Carlson reported the history of the Goodwin Trail is being developed by the Eight Mile River group.

Maps of the trail will be available. A hike will take place on June 3, State Trails Day, rain or shine, leaving from Darrow Pond parking lot, five miles to Grassy Hill Road.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continuation of Water Study. Mr. Carlson read draft of letter to the East Lyme Board of Selectmen suggesting a catch basin system along I-95. The Commission will forward a finished copy by Thursday April 13, 2017, to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Christensen stated the revision of exit 74 will go through the aquifer protection zone. He asked Mr. Mulholland to consider a spill mitigation system along the highway.

There will be a presentation on the restructuring of I-95 on April 18 at 6 p.m. at Camp Niantic.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications. There were no communications received.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported a Beekeeping Meeting was held on March 17. There was discussion on sustaining our bees and other pollinators. Mr. Dinsmore received information on Beekeeping Regulations from the Town of Wallingford. He plans to meet with Mr. Mulholland.

Open Farm Day will be held on July 16. The Samuel Smith House and Old Orchards farms will be open to the public. The Connecticut Farm Bureau would like to contribute and will bring a donkey to the Samuel Smith House.

Music at the Old Orchards farm has been denied. A rework is in progress.

The Agribusiness Subcommittee plans to have a float in the Memorial Day Parade and will participate on East Lyme Day on Methodist Street.

Mr. Nichols reported that the Save the River Save the Hills group will have a Science Walk on the Boardwalk.

On April 29 there will be a Walk for Climate Change legislation in Washington, D.C.

C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson had nothing new to discuss.

D. Ex-Officio Report. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present.

MOTION (2): **Mr. Danila moved to adjourn the
April 12, 2017 Conservation of
Natural Resources Regular Meeting
at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller.
(5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary