

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
7:00 p.m. – East Lyme Town Hall – Conference Room 1

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Mark Christiansen, Member
Don Danila, Member
Laura Ashburn, Member

Absent: Penny Heller, Secretary
Selectwoman Rose Ann Hardy, Ex-Officio

FILED

March 1 2018 AT 11:35 (AM/PM)
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS – none

II. MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 10, 2018

Motion (1): Motion made by Chairman Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Ashburn, to approve the January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission, as presented.
Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Danila reported that a detailed e-mail was sent to Ex-Officio Selectwoman Hardy for consideration by the Board of Selectmen by an interested candidate to fill the vacancy an Alternate Member of the Commission.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Outline of Water Study Report

The document provided by Commissioner Danila regarding the catching the runoff water will be included. The study is drawing to a close. It explains the science behind the so-called wellhead protection zone, how it's calculated and the limitations on the wellhead protection area concept. Also, what improvements may be made to enhance and maintain the future quality and quantity of the water source. A detailed set of recommendations will be made.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Communications

A draft of the letter to the CT DOT (Department of Transportation) D.O.T. to be sent to each of the Selectmen with a request to have it forwarded to State Senator Paul Formica and Representative Holly Cheeseman.

Motion (2): Motion made by Commissioner Ashburn, seconded by Commissioner Christiansen, to approve the letter with the subject, "I-95, Exit 74 Spill Mitigation/Containment", as amended. The letter will include the original CT Department of Health document as an appendix item.

Discussion: Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee

Commissioner Christiansen recited pertinent portions of a letter written by CT Beekeepers Association President, East Lyme Resident, and 20-year Beekeeper Stephen Dinsmore regarding the institution of a honeybee regulation. The Commission reviewed the regulation, which requires beekeepers to take a basic beekeeping course and pledge of adherence to the best management practices. Terms included in the regulation will be referenced to the Connecticut Beekeepers Association's Best Beekeeping Practices for Connecticut. Chairman Carlson will investigate the process to have the regulation added to the Town's Zoning Regulations.

Regarding East Lyme's Fair Day, Commissioner Christiansen reported on plans to host a Tractor Ride with an aquaculture theme, highlighting the Blackhawk Fishing Vessel. Plans also include a presentation dealing with oysters by Tim Londregan and Rickety Pickets Community Garden. The Friends of Samuel Smith will also be hosting a Farm Day, highlighting farming equipment.

D. Chairman's Report

Chairman Carlson reported that nine (9) water bars were placed at Darrell Pond two weeks ago and is hoping to begin placing 18 (eighteen) additional water bars at the Niantic Forest.

D. Ex-Officio Report – *not present*

Commissioner Ashburn requested that the Commission revisit sustainability.org at their next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Ashburn, seconded by Commissioner Danila, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Acting Recording Secretary for the Town of East Lyme