



East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural
Resources

East Lyme Agribusiness Sub-committee

Meeting April 18th, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Held at East Lyme High School Cafeteria Commons 30 Chesterfield Rd., East Lyme, Connecticut 06333

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The April 18th 2018 meeting was called to order by Mark Christianson at 6:41 PM

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A quorum was present.

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Members Present: Mark Christianson, Bruce Solomkin, Tom Kalal

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Others Present: Nancy Kalal, Cassie Dubrule, Nancy Kalal, Kyle & Samantha Cory

Delegations: Nancy Kalal representing The New London Farm Bureau

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 28th meeting were read, Bruce Solomkin moved to approve them, Mark Christianson seconded them and the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Open Farm Day: The title of this year's event will be "Farming the Ocean" which will also be our theme for the Memorial Day parade. There will be free hay rides to & from the sites.

Tim Londregan will pull his barge up to Low-tide Louie's (Marker 7) by the boardwalk for easy public access. He has people to help him out on Open Farm Day. He will show off the gear used for oyster & scallop production & explain the process.

Mark Christianson will P&R for publicity and the town hall to get OFD posted on the marquee.

Bruce Solomkin is working on the signs.

Thomas Hall will draw a map of this year's participating farms' locations for the brochures, and work on a design for an Open Farm Day logo.

- Celebrate East Lyme Day: Plan is to set up at noon.

Steve Dinsmore will bring his always popular observation "beehive", Sam Corey will bring her chickens, Missy Miko will bring her prize winning Goats, & Nancy Kalal will bring some of her steers.

- Memorial Day Parade: The theme is: "Farming the Ocean".

Tim Londregan will put his boat on a trailer and we will decorate it on site. (Catholic Church @ 12:00pm)

- Beekeeping: Steve Dinsmore met with zoner Bill Mulholland and Matt Walker who are reviewing the new beekeeping regulations .
- Organic gardening Class: It was reported that the classes are going well and that the inaugural class has 5 students. There are two classes left in the course, one in May & one in July.
- Music on the farm: A meeting scheduled since early March with zoning official Bill Mulholland could not take place because he was not prepared for it.
- East Lyme Harbor Management: There are new rules for catching Sea Bass that limit the size of fish & the number caught.

New Business:

- No new business.

Reports & Communications:

- Tom Kalal reported that the Ledge Light Health District is creating a group to promote awareness of Lyme Disease & personal safety when outdoors.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:40pm The committee voted unanimously in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Hall

Secretary