



East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural  
Resources

East Lyme Agribusiness Sub-committee

Meeting of May 16, 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 May 16th 2018 meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

A quorum was present.

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May 24, 2018 AT 8:07 (AM/PM)  
Shirley Stein ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Mark Christianson, Missy Miko, Bruce Solomkin, MaryCatherine Solomkin, Tom Kalal, Steve Dinsmore

Absent: Thomas Hall

Others Present: Nancy Kalal, Tim Londregan

Delegations: Nancy Kalal representing The New London Farm Bureau, Steve Dinsmore representing the Harbor Management Commission

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were read. Missy Miko moved to approve them, seconded by MaryCatherine Solomkin. Minutes unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Memorial Day Float: The theme will be "Farming the Sea". Tim Londregan will have his boat at St. Agnes and will pull it with his truck. Nancy Kalal will make +/- 2 eight foot banners. Additionally, we will have 2-3 tractors in the parade. Tom Kalal will not be able to bring his tractor if he's haying.
- Open Farm Day: Shaping up as follows: Tours will be offered from 10:00 am through 2:00 pm. Hayrides will depart from the town hall parking lot where Missy Miko and her goat Zoey will welcome people. **Stop #1** Cini Park under the bridge. Staffed by Sam & Kyle Corey. **Stop #2** Low Tide Louey's / Tim Londregan's barge. **Stop #3** Rickety Picket, staffed by Sally Uden and MaryCatherine Solomkil, with a "pollinator presentation" by Diana Earl, Master Gardener.

Mark Christianson's and Tom Kalal's tractors will run opposite each other with Nancy Kalal as the attendant on one trailer and Thomas Hall on the other. Bruce Solomkin will be at the Blackhawk to help out.

Signs will be silkscreened by Thomas Hall and Bruce Solomkin. Tom Kalal will get us on the town hall Marquee. Mark Christianson will get the word out to Discover East Lyme & Channel 22

- Organic Vegetable Gardening Course: The third class will be Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at Cranberry Meadow Farm. Mark Christianson will check that the income from the classes goes into the Agri-Business account at the department of Parks and Recreation.
- Agriculture Viability grant: Tabled
- Beekeeping: Town zoning official Bill Mulholland had promised to get back to the Agri-Business committee but failed to do so.
- Harbor Management Report: The meeting was shut down due to insufficient timely notification.

New Business: The East Lyme Conservation Commission has asked the Board of Selectmen to have spill mitigation included in the new design of exit 74 on I-95 as it sits over the aquifer that Niantic draws its water from.

Reports & Communications: June 9<sup>th</sup> is the Samuel Smith House's open house and Missy Miko has been asked to bring her goats & also to sell her homemade goat's milk soaps.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Kalal at 7:20 PM and seconded by Missy Miko. The committee voted unanimously in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thomas Hall*

Secretary