# EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Present:

Arthur Carlson, Chairman

Laura Ashburn, Commission Member Penny Heller, Commission Member

Mark Christensen

Harvey Beeman, Alternate

Absent:

Don Danila

Ron Nichols, Alternate

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**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Carlson called the September 12, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Beeman was asked to be seated.

I. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** There were no guests.

### II. MINUTES

A. Minutes of August 8, 2018. Mr. Carlson asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the August 8, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Minutes.

The following correction was noted: Mr. Nichols name was misspelled.

MOTION (1): Mr. Christensen moved to accept the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources August 8, 2018 Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. Ms. Ashburn, Ms. Heller and Mr. Beeman abstained from voting. (2-0-3) Motion carried.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Follow up with Zoning on Status of Beekeeping Ordinance and Music Ordinance. Mr. Carlson asked for an update on the status of the beekeeping and music ordinances. Mr. Christensen reported Mr. Dinsmore plans to meet with Mr. Nickerson to discuss the Beekeeping Ordinance.

After discussion it was felt that a letter from this Commission should be sent to the Zoning Commission requesting a joint meeting of this Commission and Zoning to resolve the issue of music.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Progress in Putting Water Study Report Together. Mr. Carlson distributed copies of the first 18 pages of the Water Study Report and asked Commission members for their comments.

B. Work on the Goodwin Trail. Signage will be added to guide a hiker from Rt. 161 to the parking area at the start of the trail.

A broad leaf herbicide will be used on the multiflora rose that line the first tenth of a mile of the trail.

The four acres of pasture from which we removed the invasive species autumn olive is coming back without autumn olive. The bear ground will be planted with orchard grass.

We will brush hog the area next year.

C. SustainabilityCT.org Ms. Heller reported we need to have approval from the Selectmen. Mr. Christensen reported the Town is planting red bud trees in the vicinity of the storm drains.

## V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Communications. Mr. Carlson reported no correspondence was received.
- B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported regretfully Melissa Miko has resigned from the Agribusiness Subcommittee. A letter was received from Thomas Brubaker stating he is interested in farming and gardening.

One hundred and fifty bicyclists have pre-registered for the Bike and Barbeque. Mr. Christensen is seeking donations of raffle baskets. They have received \$4500 in donations from businesses. The cost of the event is \$10,000.

- C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson had no other items to discuss.
- D. Ex-Officio Report. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present, and there was no report.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the September 12, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary