

EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2018

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Laura Ashburn, Commission Member
Penny Heller, Commission Member
Mark Christensen, Commission Member
Don Danila, Commission Member
Harvey Beeman, Alternate

Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate

Ex Officio: Rose Ann Hardy

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CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Carlson called the October 10, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION (1): Mr. Danila moved to add to this evening's Agenda, under Old Business, item D. Update to this Commission on Solar Energy Project in Waterford. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (6-0) Unanimous

MOTION (2): Mr. Danila moved to add to this evening's Agenda, under New Business, item B, October 20 Rain Barrel and Water Conservation Festival presented by Judy Rondeau. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (6-0) Unanimous.

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

II. **MINUTES**

A. Minutes of September 12, 2018. Mr. Carlson asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the September 12, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: Under Present following Mr. Christensen's name should be "Commission Member" and on page 2, under item B, the third paragraph, second sentence should read: "The bare ground will be planted with orchard grass."

MOTION (3): Ms. Heller moved to accept the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources September 12, 2018 Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. Mr. Danila abstained from voting. (5-0-1) 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.

B. October 20 Rain Barrel and Water Conservation Festival presented by Judy Rondeau.

Ms. Heller reported she received an email from Judy Rondeau regarding a presentation on October 20 of a Rain Barrel and Water Conservation Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Perennial Harmony on Boston Post Road put on by the Eastern Connecticut Conservation Festival. They will have live music and refreshments. If you would like to attend sign up with Dan Mullen. Rain barrels are being given away.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Progress in Putting Water Study Report Together. Commission members reviewed draft of the Water Study Report and submitted comments to Mr. Carlson and Ms. Heller.

B. Work on the Goodwin Trail. Mr. Carlson reported much work has been completed with the grant received. Individuals signed up to work on the Goodwin Trail. Trail maps will be developed.

C. SustainabilityCT.org Ms. Heller reported we need to have approval from the Selectmen. Ms. Hardy agreed to follow up with Mr. Nickerson about this matter.

D. Update to this Commission on Solar Energy Project Development in Waterford. Mr. Danila showed Commission members a map of the location of this project. Save the River, Save the Hills did a fly over. The issue is Storm Water Management. Niantic Watershed Committee and Save the River, Save the Hills have commented on it. He suggested that the Commission review the Connecticut Siting Council Petition No. 1347. Mr. Christensen stated the logger will need a wetlands permit.

Ms. Heller stated the Connecticut Siting Council feels if there is an alternate site superior to the one being used, it should be used. Mr. Danila reported the water model used in the plan shows this property clearly discharges into the river. He added this site is full of ledge.

Commission member Mark Christensen left the meeting.

MOTION (4): Mr. Danila moved that Mr. Beeman be seated to take Mr. Christensen's place this evening. Seconded By Ms. Heller (5-0) Unanimous.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications. Mr. Carlson reported he received information from the Land Conservation Council.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Carlson reported the Bike & Barbeque had approximately 400 participants. It was very successful and enjoyed by all.

- C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson had no other items to discuss.
- D. Ex-Officio Report. Ms. Hardy reported the Zoning Commission was going to come in with a plan for COSTCO. After the issue was reviewed they did not go forward. Corrections are needed. The focus was on the building itself and the fuel tanks. She felt the parking lot needs to be reviewed. They are requesting 700 parking spaces.

Ms. Heller asked what is the status of the driving range? Ms. Hardy replied the owner is withdrawing his contract. She added expansion of the apartments had a run off issue. Ms. Hardy added the other concern is in the initial proposal there was to be only two-bedroom units. The expansion requests that one-half of the units will be three bedrooms and/or stand-alone units.

Mr. Beeman reported he has attended planning and wetlands meetings recently. Oswegatchie Nature Reserve pitch pine went to Inland Wetlands and was accepted on September 17.

At the Planning Commission Special Meeting on September 10, there was a representative that discussed the Sustainability Program. They had a consultant from Boston. They plan to have a Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday October 20 at Perennial Harmony on Boston Post Road and are looking for input from the community.

Mr. Danila reviewed the Master Plan for Stones Ranch and Camp Niantic and distributed it to members of this Commission. He suggests that they review the stormwater plan.

Ms. Ashburn reported last month we discussed the I-95 exit ramp memo and hazardous mitigation. Ms. Hardy agreed to speak to Mark Nickerson regarding this matter.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (5): Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the October 10, 2018 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary