

**EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2019**

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

FILED

Absent: Penny Heller, Secretary
Ron Nichols, Alternate

July 16 20 19 AT 3:36 AM (PM)
Bruce Foreman A/C
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carlson called the July 10, 2019 Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION (1): Mr. Danila moved to seat Harvey Beeman for Penny Heller. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. (4-0) Unanimous.

I. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no guests.

II. MINUTES

A. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 12, 2019 Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: under III NEW BUSINESS, item A, the second sentence to be revised as follows: Ms. Heller stated she was at the Town Hall yesterday and observed an informative EPA poster on information on the wetlands.”

MOTION (2): Mr. Danila moved to accept the June 12, 2019 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. Mr. Carlson abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Recycling – What, How.** Mr. Beeman distributed draft information on recycling. Revisions were made.

Commission member Mark Christensen arrived.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Progress in Putting Water Study Report Together.** Mr. Carlson distributed copies of the Water Study Report to commission members. The Commission felt a presentation should be made to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Christensen felt the Aquifer Protection Agency should also receive a copy.

B. Work on the Goodwin Trail. Mr. Carlson reported the Town crew will bring equipment to the Goodwin Trail to continue the restoration of the former four-acre field.

He informed the Commission we have been receiving unsolicited letters about how individuals are enjoying the trail.

C.SustainabilityCT.org. Ms. Ashburn reported the Subcommittee will meet next week.

D.POCD Update. Mr. Christensen reported he was pleased with the POCD meeting he attended. He is hopeful they will change the zoning back lot regulations. Planning felt it would be worthwhile to meet with other commissions or boards several times a year, a suggestion that was originally made last year by Mr. Carlson.

E. Solar Update. Mr. Danila reported he has not seen anything recently on the proposed Waterford solar energy facility on the CT Siting Council's website. He is working with the Niantic River Watershed Committee and Save the River Save the Hills to possibly put in temporary water temperature recorders on either Old Mill or Stony Brooks or both streams that go through the solar site.

IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications. There was no discussion on communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported the Agribusiness Subcommittee had a Seminar on reducing taxes on farm equipment.

Because of the large commitment, the subcommittee has decided not to have its Open Farm Day nor participate in Celebrate East Lyme but instead join the Samuel Smith House Farm Day.

The Historical Properties Commission will have a booth at Celebrate East Lyme and promote the Samuel Smith House Farm Day.

The Subcommittee will not meet in August.

C.Chairman's Report. The Water Report along with the Open Space Report we also wrote from which informed decisions regarding the environment can be made if the will exists. It will give the Town a key set of data.

Mr. Carlson wishes to take more water samples to determine the real condition of the water. Mr. Christensen felt if a spill mitigation system is put in it will protect the water. He suggested drafting letters to the Sen. Paul Formica and Rep. Holly Cheeseman informing them of the importance of the spill mitigation system.

D.Ex-Officio Report. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present and there was no report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Ms. Ashburn moved to adjourn the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources July 9, 2019 meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

