EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Present: **Art Carlson, Chairman**
Don Danila
Laura Ashburn
Penny Heller
Harvey Beeman, Alternate

Absent: **Mark Christiansen**
Ron Nichols

Also Present: **Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio**

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Sept 18 2019 AT 9:00 AM/PM
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION (1): **Mr. Danila moved to seat Harvey Beeman for Mark Christiansen. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. (5-0-) Unanimous**

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

II. **MINUTES**

A. **Minutes of August 14, 2019.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the August 14, 2019 Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: On page 1, under IV. A. the first sentence delete the word "but". On page 2, item C, line 7 delete the first "have". Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Nichols should be noted as absent.

MOTION (2): **Mr. Danila moved to accept the August 14, 2019 East Lyme Conservation of Natural Resources Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Ashburn. (5-0) Unanimous.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Spill Mitigation Letter.** There was nothing new on this matter.

B. **RBV Sampling.** Mr. Danila noted that he and Ms. Heller will undertake this sampling again this year at some time during September through November. They recently took refresher training at the Eastern CT Conservation District office in Norwich. This aquatic macroinvertebrate sampling will be a joint effort of the Niantic River Watershed Committee and this Commission will include two other volunteers. They will sample two sites on Latimer Brook and one on Cranberry Meadow Brook. A fourth site is under consideration, either in the Pattagansett River or Four Mile River Watershed. But these streams need to be checked for suitability for this program.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Distribution of Water Study Report.** Mr. Carlson reported he spoke to Gary Goeschel regarding distribution of the Water Study Report. Mr. Goeschel distributed copies to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Hardy asked Mr. Carlson to present the Water Study Report to the Aquifer Protection Commission on October 15 at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Carlson stated he has ordered twenty additional copies. Commission members were asked to attend this meeting.

B. **Work on the Goodwin Trail.** Mr. Carlson reported two weeks ago he had discussion with Victor Benni on the Goodwin Trail. The Town mowed the entire area.

Mr. Carlson will re-mark the trail.

C. **SustainabilityCT.org** Ms. Heller will meet with the Board of Selectmen on October 2. Ms. Hardy agreed to request that SustainabilityCT.org be placed on the October 2 Agenda. Ms. Heller will give Ms. Hardy a summary of SustainabilityCT.org and a copy of the Water Report.

Ms. Heller stated their package was submitted on August 28th and we expect to receive a determination in October. We received 330 points, which is more than needed. Ms. Hardy will try to schedule a brief report on this for the October 2 Board of Selectmen meeting.

For eligible projects Sustainable CT will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for everything raised, up to $25,000. Twenty-two towns are eligible.

D. **POCD UPDATE**

Mr. Goeschel and the Planning Commission are updating the POCD. A Public Meeting with the Conservation Commission and Planning Commission was suggested by Mr. Carlson to be held e.g. at the High School to discuss Open Space and the Water Report as part of the POCD update. Mr. Carlson agreed to follow up on the Public Meeting.

E. **SOLAR FARM**

Mr. Danila reported that the Niantic River Watershed Committee met on September 5 and again discussed placing water temperature and turbidity recorders on Oil Mill Road and Stony Brooks to determine any adverse environmental effects of this proposed project.

The Waterford Town Planner noted potential difficulties in meter placement due to stream characteristics and site access. As an intervener in this proceeding Save the River-Save the Hills is in contact with the developers. They will seek site access from the developers. The organization remains opposed to this project, but is willing to work with the developers to design the best possible stormwater handling system should it go forward.

F. RECYCLING – WHAT, HOW

Mr. Beeman revised information on recycling. He also looked at the Town website to confirm his information. The Public Works Department has recently published extensive information on recycling so there is no need for the Commission to do the same or do more. Mr. Beeman met with Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director, to ask how we can help publicize this information so residents know what and how to recycle.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications. There were no communications.

B.Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christiansen was not present, and there was no report.

C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported he took a water sample in the stream going into Darrow Pond and has received data on the quality of water that runs into Darrow Pond, including runoff from surrounding properties.

D. EX-OFFICIO REPORT. Ms. Hardy had no other comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Mr. Danila moved to adjourn the September 11, 2019 East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary