

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
EAST LYME TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 1
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

Art Carlson, Chairman
Laura Ashburn
Mark Christensen
Don Danila
Penny Heller
Marjorie Meekhoff, Alternate
Harvey Beeman, Alternate

ABSENT

none

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March 21 20 22 AT 9:10 AM/PM
Kenneth Melton
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Alterations to the Agenda:

The following item was added to the Agenda under Item III, New Business:

d. Update on Noble Gas Project

I. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS – none

II. Minutes – February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION (1): Motion made by Commissioner Christiansen, seconded by Commissioner Ashburn, to approve the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, with the following amendment:

ABSENT

Ren-Nichols, Alternate none

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

III. New Business

a. Expanding the Aquifer Protection Zone

Chairman Carlson plans to meet with the Zoning Officer, Aquifer Protection Agency Chairman, and Planning Director to determine their next steps.

IV. Old Business

a. SustainabilityCT Program: Start of 2022 Recertification Process

Commissioner Heller reported that the town is in the process of completing the required actions to receive the SustainabilityCT Bronze Certification. She

requested the help of some of the Commissioners to complete some of the remaining actions. She also reported that the Town of East Lyme was invited to be a pioneer for residential and commercial solar installations. The organization would provide the necessary resources and technical help. The Town would also be eligible to receive funding for the projects.

b. North Bride Brook Development Update

Per Commissioner Danila's report regarding a CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) report regarding the runoff of water with sediment from the North Bride Brook Development worksite, Chairman Carlson reviewed the project area with a Contractor and, later, the Planning Director. No significant evidence of run-off from the development was found on either occasion. Silt fences and hay rolls were placed on the site and the issue appears to have been remedied.

Regardless, Commissioner Danila expressed his disappointment with the lack of acknowledgment of the letter they sent to the Inland Wetland Agency (cc'd to the Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen). The Commissioners agreed that the letter should have been documented, accepted, and acknowledged by the Agency.

Chairman Carlson will follow up with the Planning Director regarding the letter and Municipal Utility Engineer Ben North regarding the well-specific salt data, which has been requested numerous times. Commissioner Heller will also speak with the Planning Director regarding the status of the spill mitigation letter to CTDOT (Connecticut Department of Transportation).

c. Liaisons to Other Commissions and Agencies

Chairman Carlson will speak with the First Selectman regarding the best method to work with the other boards/commissions.

d. Update on Noble Gas Project

Commissioner Danila reported the receipt of an e-mail regarding the lack of silt fences around the Noble Gas Project. Upon investigating the site, he discovered that, while silt fences were installed along the Route 1/Boston Post Road-side of the property, there were no silt fences installed along the side with the moderately steep road leading the cemetery. He sent an e-mail to the Planning Director (cc'd to Selectwoman Rose Ann Hardy) regarding his findings. Chairman Carlson will provide the Commission with a copy of the Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance that was adopted by the Town approximately 30 years ago.

V. Reports and Communications

a. Communications

Commissioner Danila informed the Commission of the following upcoming events:

- 1) Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. – Route 85 Improvement State Project Virtual Public Information Meeting
- 2) Friday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. – Water Planning Council Advisory Group’s Watershed Lands Work Group Virtual Meeting. Discussion will include watershed lands issues and concerns and legislative updates.

b. Agribusiness Subcommittee

Commissioner Christiansen reported that the following events have been scheduled:

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| April 2 | Pollinator Pathways with Marjorie Meekhoff |
| April 27 | Honeybees presentation |
| May 22 | Tom Kalal presentation |
| July 17 | Tractor Show |
| September 3 | Sweet Pea Jamboree with food and vendors (sponsored by the Giving Garden and Pollinator Pathways), 4 Church Lane |
| Early October | End of the Harvest Day, Apple event |

A brief discussion ensued regarding the clearing of approximately 1.5 acres at Darrow’s Ridge for a pollinating meadow.

c. Chairman's Report – *none*

d. Ex-Officio Report – *none*

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Motion made by Commissioner Ashburn, seconded by Commissioner Danila, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Substitute Recording Secretary for the Town of East Lyme