

TOWN OF EAST LYME
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2022

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Penny Heller
Don Danila
Mark Christensen

FILED

Absent: Laura Ashburn
Harvey Beeman, Alternate
Marjorie Meekhoff, Alternate

May 19, 2022 AT 9:52 AM/PM
Bruce A. Green ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Carlson called the May 11, 2022 meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

- I. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** There were no guests.
- II. **NEW BUSINESS** There was no discussion of new business.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS.**
 - a. SustainabilityCT Program: Start of 2022 Recertification Process. Ms. Heller reported she has started another grant through SustainableCT. This will be the sixth one for East Lyme. The grant will provide \$7000 to the East Lyme Giving Garden through this grant for a Community Education Program. The grant calls for purchasing a large and small tent, table and chairs, a projector and screen, and student materials. The town has given \$2,000 toward purchase of the tractor. In total, groups in East Lyme have received \$74,000 through the SustainabilityCT Program.
 - b. The workshops the CCNR scheduled for the winter and spring have been fairly successful. The first one on invasive species had 17 in attendance. The second one on pollinator pathways had 28 people. The third workshop on beekeeping had only 8 individuals in attendance. The next two will be held on May 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. at the Samuel Smith Farmstead.

Commission member Mark Christensen arrived.

Ms. Heller added the SustainableCT staff will provide the CCNR team working on recertification with an intern in June.

- IV. **MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.** Chairman Carlson asked for additions, delegations or corrections to the April 13, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Conservation of Natural Resources.

MOTION (1): Mr. Christensen moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (4-0) Unanimous.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Communications. There were no new communications.
- b. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported the agribusiness subcommittee has planted apple and pear trees at the Samuel Smith Farmstead.

Mr. Christensen informed the Commission an agribusiness member has moved away, and the subcommittee needs a new member.

The subcommittee plans to have an antique tractor and truck show on June 11 at the Samuel Smith Farmstead.

The subcommittee will not be participating in the Memorial Day Parade or Celebrate East Lyme this year.

Mr. Christensen added he had planted vegetables in the Community Garden at the Samuel Smith Farmstead. The produce will be given to the food pantry at St Johns Church.

Ms. Heller asked what is the status of the barn at the Samuel Smith Farmstead? Mr. Christiansen replied Ben Ramsey is working on the barn this week. Cleaning will be done on Saturday, May 14 so the workshops scheduled for May 15 and May 22 can use the barn as scheduled. The topics presented at the workshops are: 'Raising Backyard Chickens' on May 15, and 'Composting 101' on May 22. Mr. Christensen plans to advertise the agribusiness workshops in the Lyme Patch.

- c. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson had nothing new to report.
- d. Ex-Officio Report. Ms. Hardy informed the Commission the Annual Town Meeting was held on May 9. There were few residents in attendance. The Referendum will be held on May 19 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

DEEP is giving the town funds from the sale of alcohol nips which must be used for waste disposal and other environmental projects.

Ms. Heller asked can we get detailed information on how the American Rescue Funds were used? Ms. Hardy informed her that information is on the town website.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION (2): Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the May 11, 2022 Meeting of the Conservation of Natural Resources at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary