

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Ron Nichols, Alternate
Mark Christensen, Member
Penny Heller, Member
Marvin Schutt, Member

Absent: Laura Ashburn, Alternate

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Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Additions to the Agenda. There were no additions to the Agenda.

II. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

III. Minutes.

A. Minutes of March 11, 2015. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Penny Heller moved to accept the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. Mr. Schutt abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

B. Special Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015. The Special Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015 was tabled.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study. Our study to date shows salt used on roads is measured in all monitoring sites in Town. The level is relatively constant. Mr. Nichols stated if sodium goes above a certain level, it will go into our wells.

After five years of rapid bio-assessment, it showed the surface water in East Lyme decreases from north to south. What is happening in East Lyme is happening statewide.

Mr. Carlson showed the Open Space Plan and Stratified Drift Aquifers. We discussed a I-95 gas spill over our aquifer.

Mr. Nichols reported tankers and trucks with over 50 gallon fuel tanks travel I-95 every day. DEEP will lead the charge on clean up, but it may take several hours to get on site. East Lyme Fire Department may be the first responders. This is yet to be determined.

The Town should be involved in the planning for a catch basin system along I-95 where I-95 goes over our drinking water supply.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Commission Member Vacancies. Mr. Kalal has resigned from this Commission, and Mr. Carlson will request a new member.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. There were no new communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported Open Farm Day will be held on July 19. The Brubaker Victory Garden, the Samuel Smith House and McTurk's Donkey Farm may be possible areas to visit.

A meeting was held with historical groups in Town. There was discussion on holding a bike rally the week after Labor Day. A route will be developed. A meeting will be held at the Niantic Grille on April 20 at 6 p.m. to further develop this idea.

C. Rapid-Bio Assessment Report. Ms. Heller showed a state map showing water quality in different areas of East Lyme.

D. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson suggested a Workshop Meeting on April 22 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

E. Ex-officio. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present, and there was no report.

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (2): Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:58 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary