

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2015

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

Absent: Laura Ashburn, Alternate  
Tom Kalal, Member  
Marvin Schutt, Member

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**Call to Order.** Chairman Carlson called the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:02 p.m.

**I. Additions to the Agenda.**

**MOTION (1):** Mr. Nichols moved to add Under New Business item A. Interaction with Other Commissions and B. Forest Management. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (4-0) Unanimous.

**II. Public Delegations.** There were no guests.

Commission member Mark Christensen arrived.

**III. Minutes.**

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

The following corrections were noted: On page 3, the ninth line from the top, the second sentence should read: "The NEC require large habitat patches comprised of field shrubs between the ages of 3 and 15 years." It was also felt that the email from Mark Christensen to DOT and response from Kevin Nursick should be attached to the February Minutes.

**MOTION (2):** Mr. Christensen moved to accept the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (4-0) Unanimous.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Interaction with Other Commissions.** Mr. Carlson spoke to the Chairman of the Planning Commission about this Commission meeting with Planning. There was a general consensus that this was a good idea. Mr. Carlson agreed to set up a meeting with them.

**B. Forest Management.** The Commission reviewed the plan of DEEP Foresters.

**V. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Continuation of Water Study Results to Date.** Mr. Carlson reported Zoning has limited aquifer protection rules. The State of Connecticut has determined the size of the aquifer protection zone. Buildings and houses have a negative affect on our water quality and quantity. Open space does not have a negative affect. The Tylerville section of East Haddam and the Town of Moodus have to use bottled water due to contamination of their water supply.

**VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Communications.** Tom Kalal notified this Commission of his resignation. A thank you letter for his service will be sent.

**B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.** Mr. Christensen reported we received a grant and are now able to prepare a brochure advertising agriculture as well as develop a website.

**C. Rapid-Bio Assessment Report.** Ms. Heller reported we received the results of the samples which she shared with the Commission.

**D. Chairman's Report.** Mr. Carlson reported we need outhouses for the Goodwin trail and a table with a gable roof. He suggested moldering outhouses. He has contacted Ledge Light concerning the outhouses. He received a plan.

**E. Ex-officio.** Mr. Christensen reported Ms. Hardy recommended lobbying.

**VII. Adjournment.**

**MOTION (3):** Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (4-0)  
**Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary