

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Marvin Schutt, Member
Mark Christensen, Member
Tom Kalal, Member

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Absent: Penny Heller, Member
Ron Nichols, Alternate
Laura Ashburn, Alternate

Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:07 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 October 8, 2014. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the October 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Mr. Schutt moved to accept the October 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as presented. Seconded by Mark Christensen. (4-0) Unanimous.

B. Minutes of November 12, 2014. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following should be added as the last sentence prior to the second motion: "Biodiversity is also a topic to be covered."

MOTION (2): Mr. Schutt moved to accept the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as amended. Seconded by Mark Christensen. (4-0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS. There was no discussion of new business.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study Results to Date. Mr. Carlson reviewed a map showing existing and potential water supply resources.

He stated on the updated Open Space Plan, we added several large areas in the Four Mile River Watershed. Mr. Carlson wanted to assign developing parts of this study. Ms. Heller will write up the results of the rapid bio-assessment. Mr. Nichols will give the details of the diesel spill at York. Ms. Ashburn will check on the Zoning aquifer protection rules. Mr. Kalal and Mr. Christensen will review DOT's plan in the event there is a spill at I-95 or RT-1.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. There were no communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported they sent an email regarding a Potluck Dinner to be held on January 9, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. where various open space and historic organizations will meet and discuss their programs.

Mr. Kalal obtained a grant application for primary agricultural exposure. Terry Smith submitted a grant for the Farmers' Market.

C. Bio-Rapid Assessment Report. There was no report.

D. Chairman's Report. The Goodwin Trail is now being extended to the Salmon River. The majority of the trail is all open space land. Our seven mile section has been marked in each direction. The Eight Mile River group walked it.

Mr. Schutt felt there should be something on that trail that documents the efforts Mr. Carlson has put into it.

Regarding the Samuel Smith House we have an electrician who will install meters and panels. The Rotary will help with funding for an irrigation system. We are getting 60 yards of topsoil. A stonemason will repair the bulge in the foundation. The State Archeologist will have a team to do a dig.

E. Ex-officio. Ms. Hardy was unable to be present.

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (3): Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Kalal. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary