

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2015

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Sept 14 20 15 AT 12:00 AM/PM
Cesley A. Blais
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Present: Penny Heller, Member
Don Danila, Member
Mark Christensen, Member

Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate
Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Laura Ashburn, Alternate
Marvin Schutt, Member

Also Present: Rose Ann Hardy, ex officio

Call to Order. Acting Chairlady Heller called the September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Minutes.

A. Minutes of May 13, 2015. Ms. Heller asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: On page 1 Mr. Christensen was not present and Mr. Danila was not sworn in. The vote on motion 3 was 2-0-1.

MOTION (1): Ms. Heller moved to approve the May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. Messrs. Christensen and Danila were not present but read the minutes. (3-0) Unanimous.

B. Minutes of August 12, 2015. Ms. Heller asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: On page 1, under A. Minutes of June 10, 2015, the first sentence to be revised as follows: "There was not an official meeting because the Agenda was not posted in a timely manner."

MOTION (2): Ms. Heller moved to approve the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (3-0) Unanimous.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Danila reported on September 14, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a public meeting on Stone's Ranch and Camp Niantic Land Use Study. There are a number of town officials interested in attending, as well as DEEP. They would like to keep out permanent moorings and large vessels in or around Camp Niantic. Mr. Danila plans to attend representing the Niantic Watershed Committee. Ms. Heller expressed interest in attending.

Mr. Danila informed the Commission of a DEEP grant for the control of aquatic species. This grant will need the support of a municipality. It requires 50% of the cost. The deadline for submitting the grant is November 1.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Water Study: Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning to Discuss CT Stormwater Guidelines. Mr. Goeschel was not present.

Mr. Christensen read Mr. Carlson's notes on the Watershed Study. He wished to emphasize to the Town the need for a Aquifer Protection Committee. The state has suggested that an Aquifer Protection Committee be formed. The state has taken out the Aquifer Protection Zone and reduced it to 600' of the well. Mr. Carlson felt most of the wells have been polluted by road salt. Mr. Danila referred to the Town's Annual Water Quality Report which states that when the sodium concentration exceeds 28 ppm. people who have been placed on a sodium-restricted diet should inform their physician. Ms. Heller expressed concern that our Watershed Protection Area is in the middle of the Gateway Project parking lot. Ms. Hardy informed the Commission Gateway would like to increase the apartments to 400. Mr. Christiansen reported that Mr. Carlson wishes to stress that aquifer and watershed go hand in hand.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. Mr. Christensen read his email to Kevin Nursick DOT spokesman and his reply regarding exit 74. Mr. Christensen asked if a hazardous spill containment/mitigation system to protect our aquifer has been designed into the exit 74 reconstruction plans. Mr. Nursick informed him there is only a concept design, and that the design is 0% complete.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported Ms. Smith will apply for the Farmer's Market Grant.

C. Bio-Rapid Assessment Report. Ms. Heller reported we are unable to sample without sufficient water.

D. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson was not present, and there was no report.

E. Ex-officio. Mr. Christensen asked if the Selectmen have any input on exit 74? Ms. Hardy replied this is under the jurisdiction of the state.

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (3): Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the September 9, 2015

**Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission
for the Conservation of Natural Resources
at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danila. (3-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary