

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2015

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman  
Ron Nichols, Alternate  
Penny Heller, Member  
Don Danila, Member

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
May 15, 2015 AT 9:30 AM/PM  
*Winnifred Danila*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Laura Ashburn, Alternate  
Marvin Schutt, Member  
Mark Christensen, Member

**Call to Order.** Chairman Carlson called the May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Nichols was asked to be seated.

**I. Additions to the Agenda.**

**MOTION: (1): Ms. Heller moved to discuss the Cell Tower under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (3-0) Unanimous.**

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

**III. Minutes.**

**A. Minutes of April 8, 2015.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (2): Penny Heller moved to approve the April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Nichols. (3-0) Unanimous.**

**B. Special Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2015.** The April 22, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes was tabled.

**C. Special Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2015.** Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Nichols moved to approve the April 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Ms. Heller abstained from voting. (2-0-1) Motion carried.**

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Continuation of Water Study.** Ms. Heller has done research but requested more guidance. Messrs. Carlson and Nichols had discussion with Mr. Kargl regarding aquifer protection.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Cell Tower.** Ms. Heller reported residents of Ancient Highway asked her to discuss the cell tower with this Commission and report back to them. Mr. Carlson discussed software that would help. Mr. Danila stated the Citing Council is obligated to have a hearing. Ms. Heller stated they will not have a hearing, because it is supposed to be a temporary tower.

#### **VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Communications.** There were no new communications.

**B. Agribusiness Subcommittee.** Mr. Christensen reported via email that the Agribusiness Subcommittee plans to enter a float, maybe a tractor as well. The theme will be "Beekeeping". Their reasoning is that we want to promote beekeeping.

We will be hosting "Open Farm Day" on July 19. Two venues are confirmed thus far, Brubaker Victory Garden, the Samuel Smith House and possibly McTurk's Donkey Herd.

**C. Rapid-Bio Assessment Report.** Ms. Heller will write up a report on the findings.

**D. Chairman's Report.** Mr. Carlson informed the Commission a report has been received from the state.

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

#### **VII. Adjournment.**

**MOTION (3):** Mr. Nichols moved to adjourn the May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (3-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary