

**East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman  
Mark Christiansen, Member  
Penny Heller, Member  
Tom Kalal, Member  
Marvin Schutt, Member  
Ron Nichols, Alternate

Absent: Laura Ashburn, Alternate

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Nov 19 2014 AT 12:45 AM/PM  
*Rau N. Kalal, At*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**Call to Order**

Chairman Carlson called the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:11 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

**I. Additions to the Agenda — none**

**II. Public Delegations — none**

**III. Minutes**

**A. Minutes of October 8, 2014**

Approval of the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting was postponed.

**IV. New Business**

**A. 2015 Meeting Calendar**

**Motion (1): Motion made by Mr. Kalal, seconded by Ms. Schutt, to approve the 2015 Meeting Calendar. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion passed**

**V. Old Business**

**A. Continuation of Water Study**

Discussion ensued regarding the issues, goals, and actions the Commission should take to protect the quality of the water in the Town. Chairman Carlson presented maps depicting the open spaces and major watersheds and aquifers located throughout the Town. He proposed making a distinction between drinking and non-drinking water. The following possibilities were discussed:

1. Speaking with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding their plans and timeframes for the redesigning of I-95 and, possibly, suggesting the installation of a catch basin so as to protect their water resources should an oil spill or any other such catastrophic event occur.

2. Recommend that the Town make an investment in protecting their drinking water by obtaining and securing certain available open spaces in an effort to protect and ensure that the water entering into and flowing out of the watersheds and aquifers is sound and their drinking water is safe from contaminants.
3. Discuss a policy requiring the installation of catch basins and purification system(s) for commercial buildings.
4. Determine how the current aquifer protection zone protects the quality and quantity of water.
5. Begin discussions with the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, Stones Ranch, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Town Engineer.
6. Create an executive summary-type report with supporting documentation, including a map depicting the important watersheds & their depths, well locations, depth of the aquifers, road overlays, and open spaces and with recommendations on how to improve protections of our water.

Other issues of concern include climate change and its resulting effects on the sea level and tidal wetlands, possible contamination from catastrophic event(s) resulting in the contamination of the Pattagansett and Bride Brook Watersheds, which contain water that is currently being consumed. The possibility of holding a future presentation on water recovery, interceptor wells, and how to properly clean a site was also introduced.

**Motion (2): Motion made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Christiansen, to create a working group to discuss the methods of protecting the Town's existing water resources with other Boards and Commissions that will meet between the scheduled regular meetings. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

## VI. Reports and Communications

### A. Communications — none

### B. Agribusiness Subcommittee

Mr. Christensen reported that they have applied for two grants, one with the State of CT for the Farmer's Market and another to promote agriculture in Town.

### C. Bio-Rapid Assessment Report

Ms. Heller reported that all, but one, of the sites have been completed. The information acquired from the report will also be placed on the map will be required for the maps and she will print out the documents regard stream quality provided by the State.

### D. Chairman's Report

Chairman Carlson reported that they received the \$50,000.00 DEEP Grant for trail work.

### E. Ex-Officio Report — not present

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (3): Motion made by Mr. Schutt, seconded by Ms. Heller, to adjourn the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:51 p.m. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Acting Recording Secretary for the Town of East Lyme

