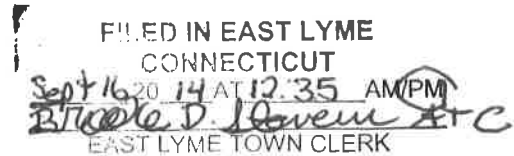


East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014

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



Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate
Laura Ashburn, Alternate

Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the September 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Additions to the Agenda.

MOTION (1): Ms. Heller moved to add to the Agenda under Public Delegations - Steve Harney and under New Business RBA dates. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.

II. Public Delegations. Mr. Steve Harney briefed the Commission on his ideas on public funding for the purchase of his Gurley Brook Nature Preserve. He most likely will ask for a written response from our Commission regarding this property and the value of it to the Town. The Open Space Plan discusses this property.

Commission member Tom Kalal arrived.

III. Minutes.

A. Minutes of July 9, 2014. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (2): Mr. Christensen moved to accept the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Heller. Mr. Schutt abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Support the formation of a "Friends of Darrow Pond" citizen's group-setup process. The Commission will support the formation of a citizens group, the Friends of Darrow Pond, if you will. Tom Kalal will head up this effort which will start immediately.

B. RBA Dates. RBA dates are still being worked out.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study Results to date.

1. Develop a report on the state of water quality and quantity in East Lyme.

The Commission agreed unanimously to undertake a detailed study over the next three months or so to determine the state of all the water resources in East Lyme, both the waters we drink and those that reach the Long Island Sound from run off.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. There were no communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported there was a good turn out on Open Farm Day. There were 70 people visiting Grassy Hill Road; 300 at McTurk's home and 80-90 at the Samuel Smith House. The cost of the brochures were \$148.

Commission member Mr. Kalal left the meeting.

Mr. Christensen reported two grants were obtained for the Niantic Farmers Market. The Farmers Market has been very successful.

C. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson had no additional report.

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

VII. Adjournment.

MOTION (3): Mr. Schutt moved to adjourn the September 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Heller. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary