

EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

REGULAR MEETING
EAST LYME TOWN HALL
AUGUST 10, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Marvin Schutt
Ruth Reluga
Tom Kalal, entered at 6:20 PM.
Mark Christensen

Members Absent

Penny Howell Heller, Alternate
Ron Nichols, Alternate
Gary Goeschel, Conservation Officer

I. Call the meeting to order

Mr. Carlson called the August 10, 2010 Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

II. Additions to the Agenda

There were none.

III. Public Delegations

There were none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 8, 2010 Regular Meeting

MOTION (1)

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2010 Regular Meeting as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion carried 3-0-1.

Mrs. Reluga abstained.

B. July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

MOTION (2)

Mrs. Reluga moved to delay the approval of the Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Christensen.

Motion carried 3-1-0.

Mr. Carlson opposed.

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V. Old Business

A. East Lyme Agriculture Issues

Mr. Christensen said there was a meeting at the Town Hall on August 9, 2010 with Paul Formica, First Selectman, Steven Santino, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Schutt, and Mr. Kalal along with himself. The meeting was regarding the placement of the Agricultural Sub-Committee. It was decided that the Agricultural group will be a Sub-Committee of the Economic Development Commission, and report its progress to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Carlson said there will continue to be an Agenda item regarding Agriculture on the Conservation Commission Agenda.

B. Status E-Mail List

Mr. Carlson asked everyone to put together any additional e-mail addresses they had. Mrs. Reluga said that she had sent an e-mail today to Mr. Schutt with additional addresses that she had. Mr. Schutt stated he will prepare a consolidated list of names and e-mail addresses.

C. Celebrate East Lyme Day

Mr. Carlson asked for opinions from the Commission on the success of the event. Everyone agreed that it was effective and worth continuing.

VI. New Business

A. Open Space Plan and Community Survey

Mr. Carlson read results from a study done in 2007 stating that over half of all residents that were surveyed said that they were willing to pay \$100.00 one hundred dollars more in taxes per year to secure open space.

Mrs. Reluga mentioned an article from the New London Day regarding eel grass. She said the article states that the biggest loss of eel grass is in the Niantic River Bay. She asked to add to the next Agenda an item regarding the conservation of the river and the water quality.

Mr. Carlson commented that over the last 30 (thirty) years the average temperature of the Niantic River has increased 3 (three) degrees. There was discussion about the cause of this temperature increase being due to the increase in asphalt surfaces and surface water run off. Mr. Carlson said that he would like to have a report containing information on rapid bio-assessment and impervious surfaces to hand to other Commissions such as Water and Sewer, Planning and Zoning.

VII. Chairman's Report

There was no report.

VIII. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Schutt moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Christensen.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

IX. Executive Session

MOTION (1)

Mr. Kalal moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 PM and noted that there were only Commission members present and no invitees.

Seconded by Mr. Christensen.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Christensen moved that the Executive Session be adjourned with no action taken at 7:25 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Kalal.

Motion Passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoe Zrakas, Recording Secretary