

COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING
EAST LYME TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 9, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Marvin Schutt, Acting Chairman
Ruth Reluga
Mark Christensen
Tom Kalal
Ron Nichols, Alternate

Absent:

Art Carlson
Gary Goeschel, Conservation Officer

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CLERK'S OFFICE

Feb 12 20 10 at 8:25 AM PM

Esther B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Schutt called the meeting to order at 6:06 and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nichols was made a regular voting member for this meeting to replace Mr. Carlson, due to Mr. Carlson's absence.

II. Additions to the Agenda

Marvin Schutt added Open Space Preservation as Item D under Old Business, and Agricultural Commission Ordinance as Item E under Old Business.

Mr. Christensen added New Ideas as Item A under New Business.

III. Public Delegations

Steve Harney informed the Commission of money that could possibly be available to the Town from the State. This money is available to Municipalities, Land Trusts, and Water Companies. The applications are due by May 3, 2010. He has forwarded this information to Gary Goeschel as well.

IV. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2010 Meeting

Motion (1) Ruth Reluga moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Meeting.

Seconded by Tom Kalal.

Motion Passed 3-0-1

**Yes – Ruth Reluga, Tom Kalal, Mark Christensen
Abstained – Ron Nichols**

V. Old Business

A. Nature of East Lyme Program

Mr. Schutt asked each member to volunteer to work on one of the following programs.

1. East Lyme Forest Management

Ruth Reluga will work on this project.

2. Non-point Source Pollution (Nitrogen/Phosphorus) Reduction Program

Mark Christensen, Tom Kalal and Ron Nichols will work on this program.

3. Surface Water Quality

Ruth Reluga will work on this.

4. Bird Census

Mr. Schutt will be speaking to Bruce Dasinger to see if he could assist this Commission on this project.

5. Invasive Species

Penny Heller, who has expressed an interest in being an alternate on this Commission, would try to gather information on this subject for the Commission.

6. Tree and Plant Identification

Tom Kalal will be working on this project, and Mr. Schutt will be seeing if Bill Jezierski, the Town's Tree Warden will be able to assist.

7. Footpaths

Marvin Schutt will be working on this project.

Ruth Reluga stated she will be adding Tidal Marshes to her list of jobs.

B. Website

Mrs. Reluga stated the website should be better, and there is a lot of stuff that can be done.

Mr. Schutt stated he will consult with Chairman Carlson on this.

Mrs. Reluga stated she will write up an outline and bring it to the next meeting for everyone's review.

It was also suggested that pictures be added.

C. Grants: Preparation and Procurement

It was decided that Gary Goeschel should be consulted on this subject due to the information that Mr. Harney brought to this Commission tonight.

D. Open Space Preservation

It was decided this should be left as a permanent item on the agenda for each month.

Mr. Schutt stated the letter to property owners should be available for the next meeting for this Commission's review.

E. Agricultural Commission Ordinance

The proposed ordinance was discussed. The Board of Selectmen will be having a Public Hearing on this subject on the 1st Wednesday of March.

VI. New Business

A. New Ideas

Mr. Christensen stated it would be helpful if the Planning Commission was reminded once a year in January that this Commission is the "go to" Commission for Open Space.

Mr. Christensen also said he feels there are too many street lights in Town, and the Town could save money if some of them were eliminated.

Mr. Schutt said he would like both of these New Ideas of Mr. Christensen's to be added to next month's meeting agenda.

VII. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (2) Mark Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Ron Nichols.

Motion Passed 4-0.

Yes – Ruth Reluga, Mark Christensen, Tom Kalal, Ron Nichols.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Miller Galbo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Miller Galbo, Recording Secretary