

COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING
EAST LYME TOWN HALL
JUNE 8, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Art Carlson, Chairman
Mark Christensen
Marvin Schutt
Penny Heller, Alternate

Members Absent:

Ruth Reluga
Tom Kalal
Ron Nichols, Alternate
Gary Goeschel, Conservation Officer

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CLERK'S OFFICE

June 14 20 10 at 12:25 AM
PM

Esther B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chairman Carlson stated that Mrs. Heller would be a voting member for this meeting.

II. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the Agenda.

III. Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

IV. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2010 Meeting

Mr. Schutt presented the members with a list of amendments that he wanted to add to the Minutes. These changes are attached as Exhibit A.

Chairman Carlson asked that undercover be taken out under Chairman's Report on Page three.

Motion (1) Marvin Schutt moved to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2010 Meeting as amended.

Seconded by Mark Christensen.

Motion Passed 4-0.

V. Old Business

A. Nature of East Lyme Program

1. East Lyme Forest Management

There has been no change. The State Forester will devote a half a day to the town free of charge so that we can get trained eyes in there to give the Town a good working forest plan.

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

Chairman Carlson asked for this to be put on the website when it is completed.

3. Surface Water Quality

Mrs. Heller stated she can make up an impervious surface map and make it into a poster for Celebrate East Lyme. Chairman Carlson thought that would be a good idea.

4. Bird Census

There was no discussion on this.

5. Invasive Species

Mrs. Heller showed examples to everyone of materials that she would like to make into a display for Celebrate East Lyme. Chairman Carlson also suggested a map showing where some of these species can be found in town.

6. Tree and Plant Identification

Mr. Schutt, Chairman Carlson, and Tom Kalal haven't gone out to do this, but they are going to go out to Bride Brook and also to the Boardwalk. At the next meeting they should have a report on this.

7. Footpaths

Mr. Schutt and Chairman Carlson walked Woods Road in the Nehantic State Forest to get the condition of the roadway. That could be part of the foot path system. Chairman Carlson stated he would like a marked trail system for the town.

B. Website

There was no discussion on this.

C. Grants: Preparation and Procurement

Chairman Carlson read some DEP grant information that Mrs. Heller had given him. Chairman Carlson will talk to Gary Goeschel, Mike Giannatasio and Mr. Formica about that Grant.

D. Open Space Preservation

The 65 letters were mailed out, along with a brochure and a map of all of the open space.

E. Agricultural Commission Ordinance

Mr. Schutt stated this should be entitled **Agricultural Sub-Committee Report/Action** for this agenda, and for subsequent meetings.

VI. New Business

A. Celebrate East Lyme

Mr. Schutt read an email from Heather Caulkins. She had reserved the Agricultural Commission and the Commission for Natural Resources one 10x10 spot. It was decided that he would request that she provide them with two (2) additional spots. Chairman Carlson stated he will make up 8 posters of the Open Space Plan. He also stated it was very important that they are able to expand their email list so we can inform people what we are doing.

Mr. Christensen discussed farm tours. He also stated the Agricultural Commission and the 4H kids walked in the parade with horses, cattle, tractor, and a float with Christmas trees, hay, saddles, beehives, and lobster pots. Jack Hogan and his wife rode on the float.

Chairman Carlson discussed this Commission buying foldable tents. He thought it would be good to invest in something they can use for their displays.

Discussion followed about selling copies of the Open Space Plan. They cost about \$4.00 a piece to print, and Mrs. Heller, Mark Christensen, and Chairman Carlson thought it would be a good idea to sell them at Celebrate East Lyme.

VII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Carlson stated he would like to make all of the open space maps into a traveling display that they could hopefully display in the high school for a few weeks, then the Community Center, Town Hall, and wherever else they can be displayed..

Mr. Schutt asked that next months' agenda have an item entitled, **Public Outreach/Publicity**.

Mark Christensen state the POCD Steering Committee is no longer meeting, so if anyone has anymore input on that they will have to go directly to a Planning Meeting.

Chairman Carlson discussed "fringe forest" and stated he would like that brought to the Planning Commission's attention.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (2) Marvin Schutt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Seconded by Mark Christensen.

Motion Passed: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Miller Galbo, Recording Secretary

Exhibit A

copy of the minutes

Proposed Necessary Clarifications to Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11, 2010

V. B. WEBSITE – Replace the existing sentence with:

Mrs. Reluga and Mr. Kalal will work jointly to determine how the information written by Mrs. Reluga and Chairman Carlson will be included in the Website, and in the process, consult with Carmen Ames.

V. D. OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION – Replace the existing sentence with:

Chairman Carlson reported the 65 packages will be mailed to the 65 property owners of open space this month.

V. E. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – Replace the existing sentence with: The

idea of having the proposed Agricultural Sub-Committee collaborate with the Economic Development Commission was discussed. It was determined that the two organizations have many similar objectives. Also, it was determined that the Economic Development Commission could provide some financial assistance to the Sub-Committee for meeting its objectives for one year.

Therefore, it was decided unanimously by our Commission that the proposed Agricultural Sub-Committee collaborate with the Economic Development Commission to meet their common objectives based on the information above.

Also, it was decided that Mr. Christensen and Mr. Kalal should assemble and lead the proposed Sub-Committee and remain as members of the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources; that they should also communicate the decisions of our Commission to the Economic Development Commission for its concurrence.

VI. A. CELEBRATE EAST LYME – Replace the existing two sentences with:

Chairman Carlson stated that a Sub-Committee will be formed at the next meeting to organize our exhibits and that everyone on the Commission should come prepared with their ideas for the exhibits.

MCD 5/19/10