

EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING
EAST LYME TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Members Present:

Art Carlson, Chairman
Ruth Reluga
Marvin Schutt
Mark Christensen
Tom Kalal
Joe Mingo, Alternate

FILED IN EAST LYME TOWN
CLERK'S OFFICE

Sept 10 20 09 at 8:15 AM
PM

Esther B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Additions to the Agenda

Ruth Reluga asked that the Town Website, and the Synthetic Turf Letter, be added to the Agenda under Old Business.

II. Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

III. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Motion (1) Marvin Schutt moved to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Seconded by Chairman Carlson.

Ruth Reluga stated that Tom Kalal was running late, and he had asked her to have some changes made to the Minutes. Page 1, Second paragraph from the bottom should read: "Tom Kalal discussed the proposed Agricultural Commission Ordinance. He stated they had received a letter dated July 11, 2008 from Mr. Formica asking them to develop a proposed Right to Farm Ordinance.

Chairman Carlson stated on page 2 under 4a Open Space Plan. The last sentence in the paragraph should be deleted.

Motion Passed 5-0.

IV. Old Business

a. Bio-Assessment of Inland Waters (Locations, Training Date, Trainees)

Ruth Reluga stated she has confirmed the volunteers for the training. She has confirmed the conference room at the police station. She will re-check all of the sites just prior to make sure they are still accessible. She requested funds for coffee and donuts on the day of the training. Chairman Carlson said that was acceptable. This will take place on September 19, 2009. Training will be at 9:00 at the police station. They will disperse for lunch at 11:00, and fieldwork will take place from 12:00 to 2:00. They will all return to the police station after and they should be done by 3:00 p.m. This is a rain or shine event.

b. Open Space Plan (Update)

Chairman Carlson discussed the Plan and the letter that are going to be sending out to the 66 landowners who were identified in the Open Space Plan.

c. Nature of East Lyme Program

1. Foot Path System

Chairman Carlson has heard back from Yale regarding their property. The discussion is ongoing. He would like this Commission to undertake a project identifying Easements, Right of Ways, and other public property that is not known by the majority of the public.

2. Identification of Plants

Joe Mingo stated he attended a walk on the Boardwalk and over 80 different species of wildflowers were identified. He would like this Commission to organize some sort of pamphlet to hand out to the public on the Boardwalk to help them identify them.

Chairman Carlson stated he would like to have this Commission organize and prepare a map of the entire town showing everything this town has to offer, including boat launches, trees, animals, wildflowers, and many other things.

****Tom Kalaf entered the meeting.**

3. Public Participation

Chairman Carlson stated he would like to get groups to help with the map they discussed. He would like to have signs around town identifying different areas of interest, and he would like to have pictures of everything this town has and make literature to go along with those. This is a project he feels this Commission could spend this winter working on. He also feels they could utilize high school students for this project.

He would like everyone to think about this and we can get this Commission organized at the next meeting. He would like anyone's suggestions and ideas.

d. Agricultural Commission Sent to Selectman Subcommittee

The Agricultural Commission proposed ordinance was sent to RoseAnn Hardy today.

c. Town Website

Ruth Reluga asked that this be added as a major part of next month's agenda. She has a very difficult time finding things on the website, and she doesn't feel this Commission's information is adequate.

It was decided that Ruth Reluga and Tom Kalal would work on this and report back to this Commission at the next meeting.

f. Synthetic Turf Letter

There was discussion on the letter that Chairman Carlson is going to write to the Board of Education, and how that letter should be worded.

Motion (2) Ruth Reluga moved for Chairman Carlson to write the following: "We would like assurance that the proposed Synthetic Grass has no detrimental effect on East Lyme's Natural Resources, currently and in the future. For example, Air, Soil and Water Contamination.

Seconded by Tom Kalal.

Motion Passed 6-0.

V. New Business

a. Request from Inland Wetlands Agency to research and review recreational All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)

Chairman Carlson stated this request would be coming from the Inland Wetlands Agency. He would like this Commission to start thinking about this now.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Carlson discussed various towns in the State who have recently acquired or are in the process of acquiring Open Space.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (3) Joe Mingo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Seconded by Marvin Schutt.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Miller Galbo
Recording Secretary