

**EAST LYME COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGULAR MEETING
EAST LYME TOWN HALL 108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
OCTOBER 12, 2010 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members Present:

Arthur Carlson
Marvin Schutt
Ruth Reluga
Penny Heller (Alternate)
Ron Nichols (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Mark Christensen (Arrived 6:27 P.M.)
Thomas Kalal

Selectman Ex-Officio

Rose Ann Hardy (Absent/Medical)

Planning Director

Gary Goeschel (Absent/Personal)

Others Attending:

Karen Rak 27 Black Point Road, East Lyme
Robert Gadbois 368 Boston Post Road, East Lyme

I. Call to Order

Chairman Arthur Carlson called the 10/12/10 Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. Additions to the Agenda

Start time of the Regular Meeting. This will be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting

III. Public Delegations

Karen Rak and Robert Gadbois expressed their concern about Artificial Turf as a replacement for the Natural Turf on the High School Football Field. Their concern was acknowledged by the Commissioners present.

IV. Approval of the Minutes for Regular Meeting on 9/14/10

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nichols moved and Mrs. Heller seconded that the Minutes be approved. Mrs. Reluga requested that under V. Old Business para. C that the words "will be completed" be replaced with "are complete".

Motion passed (5-0-0) as amended by Mrs. Reluga.

V. Old Business

A. East Lyme Agricultural Issues
No Report

B. Status E-Mail List

Mr. Schutt reported that all the Lists in various stages of completion were given to Ames Business Center for completing and alphabetizing by computer. Once the basic information is input it will be known what information is lacking. Additional effort by us will be required to complete the data base. The estimated cost for this phase will be \$40 – 75.

C. Rapid Bio-Assessment/Results – Future Plans

Mrs. Reluga gave a verbal Report which will be submitted in writing at the next meeting. Measurement effort in September 2010 went well.

D. Nature of East Lyme Programs

1. Foot Paths – Plans continued to determine if we can establish our first foot path in Nehantic State Forest. Mr. Carlson met with Clair Kaine of the CT Forest and Park Association as she will assist us with meeting with State Forestry officials regarding foot paths.
2. Bird Census – Mr. Schutt will contact Bruce Dasinger regarding the latest bird census in East Lyme in general and in particular any census in the northern half of East Lyme
3. Tree Identification – No change in status. Still planning to walk Bride Lake Recreation Area and make initial tree survey.
4. Invasive Species – Discussion was held regarding a report on invasive species in East Lyme. Also, Mr. Carlson suggested looking into a plan to coordinate with the invasive species effort proposed for the Eight Mile River Watershed Project. Penny Heller is leading this effort.

VI. New Business**A. New Turf Questions****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Nichols moved and Mrs. Heller seconded the Motion to send a letter to the Board of Education, with copy to the Board of Selectman, to address the Commission's concerns regarding run off from the Football Field as questioned in the Commission's 11/22/09 letter to the Board of Education, and to request a discussion of their review of the comparison of Natural versus Artificial Turf.

Motion passed (5-0-0) (4-0-1)

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VII. Chairman's Report

The information from the Chairman was conveyed throughout the Meeting.

VIII. Executive Session**A. Discussion of Open Space Acquisitions**

MOTION (3)

Motion was made by Mr. Nichols at 8:35 P.M. and seconded by Mrs. Reluga to enter in an Executive Session.

Motion passed (5-0-0)

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION (4)

Motion was made by Mrs. Reluga at 9:25 P.M. and seconded by Mr. Schutt to adjourn the Meeting.

Motion passed (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Schutt, Secretary