

## MINUTES of Old Lyme Conservation Commission

REGULAR MEETING In-Person

June 6th, 2023 6:30 PM EDT

Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT 06371

### Attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT – George Ryan, Tom Sherer, Nicole Kabel, Traci Russell, Anthony Daniels

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT – Madalyne Longfellow, Gary Gregory

MEMBERS ABSENT – Holly Lyman

SCRIBE – Thomas Kabel

CLERK - Maureen Plumleigh

GUEST – Michael Aurelia of OL Open Space

1. **Welcome & Call to Order**-A Daniels called meeting to order 6:30 PM. Quorum present.
2. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda** A Daniels put forth a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; M Longfellow seconded. Members unanimously voted to approve minutes of May meeting.
3. **Membership** - The commission is still in the process of electing a chair. The commission seeks an individual to fill Regular member seat and also fill alternate seat left available from this promotion. M Plumleigh brought up that the commission create a statement/expectation of members which would aid in recruiting as well as encourage participation.
4. **Earlier Business**
  - Nix the Knotweed – Discussion tabled until next meeting, when H Lyman would be present .
  - Hain's Park Mulch –Spreading mulch has been completed. M Plumleigh will ask Linda Clough to inspect to ensure it was done properly and that none of the vegetation has been covered up.
  - Old Lyme Events Magazine George will submit the article that he wrote for the commission.
  - Waterscaping – M Plumleigh will bring in the waterscaping pamphlets for next meeting.
5. **New Business**
  - Commission Email Account – A Daniels will turn access to the commission email account over to G Ryan.
  - Conservancy Websites – G Ryan gave commission members his recommendations of conservancy websites in seeking ideas or areas of interest for the commission.
  - Vernal Pools – Guest M Aurelia spoke about vernal pools and brought up that it is the commission's duty to monitor information on them. He also brought up the work that the Open Space Commission is doing with their E-Bird hotspots.
  - Midsummer Festival – M Plumleigh reminded that the Midsummer Festival is July 29th. M Aurelia added that the Open Space Commission would be running an exhibit. The commission discussed setting up a booth but decided against it.
6. **Adjournment** - G Ryan moved to adjourn meeting; seconded by T Russell. Members unanimously voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM EDT.

**The Old Lyme Conservation Commission will not hold a regular meeting in July.**

**Next regular meeting will be held on August 1st at 6:30 PM EDT in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trainee Thomas Kabel  
Approved for Submission,  
Maureen Plumleigh, Clerk