

MINUTES OF OLD LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING In Person

Location: Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall

August 1 2023 6:30 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6.40 by Vice-Chair G Ryan.

2. Attendance: G Gregory, H Lyman, T Sherer, T Russell, and Clerk M Plumleigh
Guest: Rachel Patten
There was not a quorum present.

3. Minutes of June 6th meeting were approved by a unanimous agreement, as was current agenda. (There was no meeting in July)

4. Old Business:
 - Discussion of current membership and Board membership: G Gregory will submit application to become a regular member of the OLCC. Vice Chair Ryan approved.
 - Vice Chair Ryan distributed article on serving as a volunteer. Urges members to study this. Some OLCC members must be sworn in soon.
 - T Sherer has written the submission for OL Annual Report, and has included a photo of Point o' Woods. Article is due September 1. Any comments are due to him by August 15.
 - Nix the Knotweed group work by H Lyman: G Gregory, with S Thompson and group of volunteers learned how to pull, treat, and dispose of this invasive.
 - Budget of OLCC: OLCC should submit a plan for 2024 projects, after deciding on potential work, to be done at September meeting.
 - Waterscaping– OLCC has addressed the subject of recommended waterscaping. A booklet is posted on Rogers Lake West Shores website, available for downloading:
https://www.rogerslakewestshores.com/assets/docs/Landscape_Suggestions_for_Inland_Waterside_Properties.217114741.pdf

This, and other OLCC literature, should be posted on OLCC website, with an appointed OLCC member.

5. New business:
 - Outreach:
G Ryan will submit an article for *Old Lyme Events* magazine, due before September 5th.
G Gregory noted that information on OL Town website for OLCC should be updated.
T Russell has offered to maintain Facebook page after it is designed.
Discussion ensued on displays at town events and library. G Gregory will bring banner to discuss purpose and possible usages.

 - Recruiting new members – determine a potential member's focus, i.e. R Patten's is bamboo planted by a former neighbor, which has run amok. She seeks advice from OLCC.

- T Russell led discussion on recruiting high school seniors in need of a senior project, a list of which is sent to students. OLCC should designate a member for oversight and promotion. G Gregory will discuss with LOL HS Science Teacher.
 - H Lyman reminds the group OLCC has earned Silver Level in CT Sustainability, which meets every three months. H Lyman will continue to report.
 - Other members will determine how OLCC might collaborate with other town groups.
6. Motion to Adjourn made by G Ryan; seconded by G Gregory; all in agreement.

Next meeting September 5.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Plumleigh.
Clerk, Old Lyme Conservation Commission