

## **AGENDA OF THE OLD LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

In Person Location: Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, American Legion Room

### **REGULAR MEETING, Tuesday, January 6, 2026 6:30 PM**

**REMINDER:** OLCC members who are unable to attend a scheduled meeting, please notify G. Ryan via email at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**NOTE: December 2, 2025 Meeting was canceled due to non-receipt of Agenda – email transmission error.**

**6:30 PM Meeting Call to Order** – Chairman B. Campbell

**ATTENDANCE:** Members present, Members Absent, and Members Absent without notifying.

**VOTE** to approve the **MINUTES** of November 4, 2025, Regular Meeting.

#### **EARLIER BUSINESS:**

#### **STATUS REPORTS:**

**Connecticut River Watershed Seminars** – Guest: Dick Shriver, Publisher, Estuary Magazine – First CT River Watershed Seminar: Water Quality, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Dr. Andrew Fisk, Northeast Regional Director, American Rivers, will deliver the first quarterly seminar.

OLCC will use the American Legion Room for the first seminar which will be a Zoom presentation.

The next seminar will be Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00, when Jillian Liner, Director of Conservation with Audubon VT will speak about Avian Habitats within the watershed. Seminars will be moderated by Rich Shriver, a member of the board of The Watershed Fund.,

**Status of OLCC Approved Mission Statement** – Awaiting responses from other commissions and agencies - G. Ryan.

On Monday, December 15, 2025, G. Ryan and B. Campbell presented the OLCC proposed mission statement to the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen for review, acceptance and approval.

On Saturday, December 20, 2025, G. Ryan submitted the OLCC proposed mission statement to the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, Old Lyme Land Trust, Open Space Commission, Planning Commission, and Zoning Commission for comments and questions.

**Conservation Commission and Open Space Commission Beaver Seminar:** Thank You Note to Beaver Naturalist Speaker Ginny Apple – B. Campbell

**VOTE:** Reimburse Paul Colburn \$100.00 for travel expenses to Old Lyme for three lectures in 2025 – G. Gregory.

**Status of Issues Associated with 308-1 Mile Creek Road – Old Lyme Wetlands Violations – G. Ryan**  
(See Minutes of Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission, October 28, 2025 and November 25, 2025)

**Planned/Scheduled/Proposed Speakers on Environmental Issues – Looking Forward to 2026**

**NOTE 1:** OLCC needs to plan at least three months in advance for all scheduled presentations for advertising purposes.

**NOTE 2:** Unless otherwise noted, all presentations will be given in the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library at 6:30 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Agreed to dates for the Old Lyme Conservation Commission Regular Meetings in 2026 to be held the first Tuesday of each month (except July) in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, American Legion Room, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. They were confirmed by co-chairs Matt McKenzie and Brandy Campbell in October 2025.

6 January – 3 February – 3 March – 7 April – 5 May – 2 June – **None in July** – 4 August – 1 September – 6 October – 3 November – 1 December

**Availability of Karen Taylor, Lyme-Old Lyme High School Advisor for the ECOS Club (Environmental Conservation Organization) – G. Ryan**

**Summary of Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference (CACIWC) – G. Gregory and G. Ryan** attended on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at The Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell, CT – Inland Wetlands Law and relationship exists between riparian trees and the condition and function of wetlands and watercourses. - G. Gregory

(See CACIWC Post Conference Review on [CACIWC Annual Meeting 2025](#) website)

**Amtrak Bridge Project Update – November 14, 2025 – G. Ryan**

(See AMTRAK CT River Bridge Project Update – October 15, 2025, web site posted on October 16, 2025, 12:15 PM)

**OLCC Recruitment – OLCC** has three member vacancies and three members with terms ending January 31, 2026. It is urgent that term ending members submit their applications for renewal **NLT than January 5, 2026**. OLCC is looking for energetic go-getters who genuinely believe in conservation and will actively participate – G. Ryan

**Save the Sound Project:** Restoring Long Island Sound eel grass meadows. Contact Long Island Soundkeeper Bill Lucey to attend an OLCC Meeting and discuss with/inform us about their next goal to drop 40,000 clams near Duck Island off the coast of Westbrook, Connecticut. Propose OLCC volunteers join Save the Sound in an effort to restore eel grass there. – G. Ryan.

(See “The Grass is Greener Underwater” Article, dated August 8, 2025, on Save the Sound’s website)

**VOTE to ADJOURN** the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM.