

**MINUTES of Old Lyme Conservation Commission**  
REGULAR MEETING In-Person  
February 7th, 2022 6:30 PM EST  
Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT 06371

**Attendance:**

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT – George Ryan (Vice-Chairman), Gary Gregory, Holly Lyman.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT – Nicole Kabel (phoned in

MEMBERS ABSENT – Anthony Daniels (Outgoing Chairman), Tom Sherer, Tracy Russell, Madalyne Longfellow

OL CC CLERK – Maureen Plumleigh

SCRIBE – Thomas Kabel

**Welcome & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair G Ryan at 6:35 PM EST. There was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes & Agenda**

G Ryan put forth a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which G Gregory seconded. The meeting minutes were accepted unanimously by all members.

**Membership**

A Daniels has resigned from his position as chair of the commission, but will continue as a member. M Plumleigh has resigned as an OLCC member to become the OLCC Clerk. H Lyman and G Gregory have stepped down from their positions as official members to become alternates. The appointment of N Kabel and T Russell has been approved by the OLCC members. T Russell has been sworn in, while N Kabel is pending. A Daniels and T Sherer have been reappointed to another term.

**Earlier Business**

- RADON TESTING – the commission data will be published in the Old Lyme *Events* magazine.. This issue was deemed completed, and will no longer be discussed.
- ALEWIVES – G Gregory will be contacting the DEEP about restocking Black Hall Pond.
- WATER RESOURCES – G Gregory has set up a public presentation called Water Resources 101 for Wednesday February 22 at the Old Lyme Library. All are welcome.
- OLD LYME EVENTS – M Plumleigh submitted an article written by T Sherer on insects and how beneficial their work and activities are to the cycles of human life.
- NIX THE KNOT WEED – H Lyman discussed the OLCC's members' potential participation in the Nix the Knotweed overseen by Suzanne Thompson. Suzanne said that the Commission is welcome to join her when the project starts back up in the spring. It was discussed that all able-bodied commission members should go out to support her whenever possible.

- AMTRAK's NORTHEAST CORRIDOR – Amtrak's plan for building a new rail bridge to cross the Connecticut River has been approved by both Old Lyme and Old Saybrook. However, some environmental concerns regarding the impact on the river and the surrounding areas have been raised. G Gregory will attend the virtual meeting that Amtrak is hosting on Wednesday, February 15, and will report back to the commission.
- Exit Ramp 70 - the large cutting down of trees in order to make way for the new ramp for exit 70 was discussed.

### **New Business**

No new business was introduced at this meeting due to the there being a significant absence of members. The introduction of any new business has been postponed to the next monthly official meeting in March.

### **Acknowledgments**

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission would like to thank member Tom Sherer for writing the excellent summary of the commission's activities and mission to the town's Annual Report. We would also like to congratulate Eddie Twinning for being names Old Lyme Citizen of the Year.

G Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by G Gregory. All members voted unanimously to support the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM EST

### **Additional Information**

The November Meeting has been changed from November 7 to November 14, and will occur in the American Legion Room of the Old Lyme Town Hall.

**The next meeting of the Old Lyme Conservation Commission is for scheduled for  
March 7th, 2023, Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.**

Respectfully Documented,  
Thomas Kabe  
Student in Training

Approved for Submission,  
Maureen Plumleigh, Clerk, OL CC