



CONSERVATION COMMISSION/
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August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Armond, Chairman, Beverly Crowther, Patrick Crowley, Ben Kegley, Sue Hessel, Bernie Gigliotti, ZEO, Jennifer Thomas, Secretary
Absent Members: R. Dill, T. Reynolds, S. Kurlansky (alternate) and Christine Darnell (alternate)
There were no site walks performed.

REGULAR MEETING

Lyme Land Conservation Trust; 0 Town Street, Banningwood Preserve; preliminary discussion of plans to eradicate invasive plants on a portion of the preserve

Present at the meeting was Sue Cope, Environmental Director of the Lyme Land Conservation Trust

Cope presented the commission members with a written proposal explaining the proposed project. The Lyme Land Conservation Trust is hoping to eradicate invasive plant species from a 1.7-acre section of Banningwood Preserve. The project is broken down into three phases, spanning from late summer to early winter. Tom Bischoff has been enlisted to help with the initial mowing of the designated areas, and a group of volunteers will then monitor the effectiveness and implement strategies to keep the invasive growth at bay.

The commission members agreed that this is both a daunting and worthwhile project. The commission members provided Cope with a few contacts that have attempted similar eradication projects whom might be helpful in the planning process.

Armond stated that the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has made previous proposals to the town for control of barberry in the wetlands and has completed those experiments. It would be helpful to contact them and inquire which, if any, of their methods have been successful. They have tried mowing, herbicides, and fire in the past.

Kegley stated that another property in town has used a repeated mowing strategy, and one of the benefits has been the growth of ferns that grow and shade out the new growth of barberry. Armond cautioned Cope to be aware of herbicides that are approved for wetlands use if the Lyme Land Conservation Trust chooses to use this method as part of the project.

Armond stated that a formal application should be brought to the commission next month and Cope agreed and thanked the commission for their time.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

Armond entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2019 meeting. Crowther made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary