

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Regular Meeting Minutes March 6, 2023 Lebanon Town Hall

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Jan Fitter, Alton Blodgett, Keith LaPorte, Emery Gluck,

Mia Colasuonno (Alternate), Jim Jahoda (Alternate)

Absent: Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Marc Wolf (Alternate), Michael Wolf (Student Rep.)

Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner)

I. Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Mia Colasuonno and Jim Jahoda as voting members.

II. Public Comment. Desiree Champagne, 185 Randall Road, noted she was still hoping to get appointed to the Commission should an opening occur.

III. Minutes.

a. Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Keith LaPorte, to approve the February 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. Business.

- a. Mr. Chester gave an update on the Andrews and Stearns farmland preservation projects and new vendors at the 2023 Farmers Market.
- b. Mr. Gluck and Mr. Chester walked the property line of 291 East Hebron Turnpike with the property owner and determined that a large tree had been cut as part of a neighboring timber harvest on her property in a conservation easement. Mr. Chester notified DEEP and will follow up.
- c. The Commission reviewed several prototypes of scenic road signs and reached consensus on a 12" x 18" design which has the town shape in white with green background. Mr. Chester will coordinate with the Public Works Director to have signs made.
- d. The Commission will observe Earth Day on Saturday, April 8th and work with the Boy Scouts and other volunteers to cleanup town roads. Activities will commence at 8:00 a.m. at the Fire Safety Complex where volunteers will be provided safety vests and trash bags. Pizza will be provided for volunteers at 12:30 p.m.
- e. Property owner on Sisson Road contacted Town Hall to ask that the town eliminate the bamboo or knotweed along the road. Mr. Lang felt this was not just an issue for Sisson Road but elsewhere in town and suggested the Commission talk more about this.
- f. Mr. Lang noted that the Commission is invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. March 21st Board of Finance meeting where discussion will take place on the Commission's budget.
- VI. The Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by, Philip S. Chester, AICP Town Planner 3/8/23