

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Regular Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023 Lebanon Town Hall

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

Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Mia Colasuonno (Alternate), Jim Jahoda (Alternate), Marc Wolf (Alternate), Michael Wolf (Student Representative)

Absent: Keith LaPorte

Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Desiree Champagne

- I. Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Jim Jahoda a voting member.
- II. Public Comment None.

III. Minutes.

a. Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Jim Jahoda, to approve the March 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0-1, with Ethan Stearns abstaining.

IV. Business.

- a. The Commission congratulated Ethan Stearns and family on preserving their 98-acre farm on Village Hill Road. Ethan reports that part of the proceeds will go to expanding his grazing operation.
- b. Marc Lang gave an update on the Public Works Department good work clearing the Beaumont House birthplace property of invasives on Village Hill Road and the Trust for Public Lands work to preserve the Girl Scout Camp on Clubhouse Road.
- c. Philip Chester gave an update on the 104-acre Andrews farmland preservation project on Cook Hill Road and the 69-acre Greengate (former Krause) farmland preservation project on Village Hill Road. He also reported on progress completing the 2023 Commission newsletter.
- d. The Commission will observe Earth Day 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, trash bags, and gloves and pizza will be provided for volunteers at 12:30 p.m.
- e. The Commission discussed several of the unprotected parcels in town and agreed to continue to send correspondence to property owners to let them know of the Commission's work and its ability to provide funding assistance to protect land.
- V. The Commission adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Submitted by, Philip S. Chester, AICP Town Planner 4/4/23