



Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

Lebanon Town Hall

MINUTES

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Jim Jahoda (Alternate), Mia Colasuonno (Alternate)
Absent: Jan Fitter, Desiree Pearson (Alternate)
Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner)

- I. Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Mia Colasuonno as a voting member.
- II. Public Comment.
 - a. Michael Andrews thanked the Commission for supporting his family effort to preserve the 107-acre Andrews Farm on Cook Hill Road. He is currently raising beef cattle. The Commission noted that this project was 16-years in the making and wished him well.
- III. Minutes.
 - a. Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Mia Colasuonno, to approve the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0-1 with Ethan Stearns abstaining.
- IV. Business.
 - a. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the Rosalind Flegert farmland preservation application. Dawn Drum is spearheading an effort to designate Tobacco Street Extension as a scenic road. Mia Colasuonno will assist with this effort.
 - b. Marc Lang discussed the possibility of preserving Christmas tree farms. Mr. Chester will investigate funding opportunities.
 - c. Emery Cluck announced that Joshua's Trust would like to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss efforts to preserve woodlands located in the Priority Forest Preservation Area #3 designated in the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission agreed to include discussions with them in the September meeting.
- V. The Commission adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Submitted by,
Philip S. Chester, AICP
Town Planner
8/10/23