



Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

Lebanon Town Hall

MINUTES

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

- I. Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and appointed Mia Colasuonno, Jim Jahoda, and Desiree Pearson as voting members.
- II. Public Comment.
 - a. Joshua Trust President John Hankins, Land Protection Manager Bryan Avery, and Warren Church were present to express their support for the town's land preservation efforts. Bryan Avery discussed various land preservation grant opportunities available.
- III. Minutes.
 - a. Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Keith LaPorte, to approve the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.
- IV. Business.
 - a. Marc Lang reported that he, Emery Gluck, and Phil Chester met with Joshua's Trust to discuss preserving land in the Priority Forest Preservation Areas identified in the Plan of Conservation and Development and ongoing efforts to preserve the Girl Scout Camp.
 - b. Jim Jahoda recommended including in the next Commission newsletter information on how residents can report to the Department of Environmental Protection when they spot a species of special concern.
 - c. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on farmland preservation projects and on a Planning and Zoning Commission application from John and Dawn Drum to designate Tobacco Street Extension (gravel portion) a scenic road.

Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to support John and Dawn Drum's application to designate Tobacco Street Extension as a scenic road. Motion unanimously approved.
- V. The Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,
Philip S. Chester, AICP
9/14/23