



Town of Lebanon  
**CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Monday, January 8, 2024 ~ 4:30 p.m.  
**Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Downstairs Meeting Room**

**MINUTES**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Jim Jahoda a voting member.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nick Velles was present to hear the work of the Commission.

**III. MINUTES**

- a. **Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. FY 2024-25 Operating Budget  
**Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Jim Jahoda, to recommend a \$250.00 operating budget. Motion unanimously approved.**
- b. FY 2024-25 Capital Budget.  
**Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to recommend that \$18,668.08 be added to the Open Space Account as per the POCD recommendation that \$300,000 be retained annually in the account. Motion unanimously approved.**
- c. Mr. Chester reported that the town will be contracting with Silverstein Appraisals to conduct the farmland preservation appraisal for the Flegert property.
- d. **Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend that the Board of Selectman appoint Mia Colasuonno to fill the full seat of Jan Fitter and that Jan Fitter be appointed to fill the Alternate seat of Mia Colasuonno, both terms to expire on 4/1/26. Motion unanimously approved.**
- e. The Commission discussed the activity at 122 Oliver Road.  
**Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Emery Gluck, that the Conservation and Agriculture Commission respectfully recommends that the Inland Wetlands Commission require 122 Oliver Road to be restored to its natural state, or as close as possible to its natural state, including the removal of all earth mounds and structures and the planting of native wetlands plants and other cover crop as deemed appropriate by the Wetlands Commission. Motion approved 5-1-0 with Jim Jahoda abstaining.**

**V. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

VI. The Commission adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP  
January 9, 2024