



Town of Lebanon
CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Downstairs Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Mia Colasuonno, Jon Slate
Desiree Pearson (Alternate)
Absent: Keith LaPorte, Ethan Stearns, Jan Fitter (Alternate), Jim Jahoda (Alternate)
Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Kevin Cwikla (First Selectman), Catherine
Marrion (Town Attorney), Cathy Osten (State Senator - by zoom)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and appointed Desiree Pearson a voting member.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Perreault was present to observe the meeting as part of his Masters project.

III. MINUTES

- a. **Motion by Emery Gluck, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Girl Scout Camp Laurel. Honor Lawler (Trust for Public Lands) and Ann Dunnack (Columbia Open Space Committee Chair) were present. The Commission discussed options to preserve Camp Laurel for public open space.
- b. The Commission discussed farmland preservation activities.
1. Mr. Chester noted that the appraisal for the Flegert property is due at the end of the month.
2. **Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Mia Colasuonno, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for appraisal and survey costs for farmland preservation at 284 Kick Hill Road, funds to come from Open Space Account. Motion unanimously approved.**
- c. Marc Lang discussed the Commission's upcoming Earth Day activity and said he would reach out to the Boy Scouts for assistance. He asked members to bring additional options for use of the state "nip" revenues the town now receives to the March meeting. Suggestions discussed included adding a special bin/dumpster for residents to deposit road waste during April; purchasing picker tools for residents to pick up trash on roads; and sponsoring an annual hazardous material waste collection day at the Transfer Station per the POCD recommendation.
- d. The Commission noted that Scenic Road signs needed to be placed on Smith Road and Tobacco Street Extension.

V. OLD BUSINESS – None.

VI. The Commission adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
February 8, 2024