



Town of Lebanon
CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2024 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Downstairs Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Jim Jahoda, seconded by Mia Colasuonno, to appoint Jon Slate as Acting Chair. Motion unanimously approved at 4:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

III. MINUTES

- a. **Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Mia Colasuonno, to approve the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and act on recommending to the Board of Selectmen the expenditure of up to \$200,000 from the town's Open Space Account for the preservation of Camp Laurel/former Girl Scout Camp (300+ acres) on Clubhouse Road.

The Commission voiced support of Proposed Bill No. 63 "An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State to Purchase Camp Laurel in Lebanon as open space." Emery Gluck noted that if town funds are used to assist DEEP in acquiring the property they should be tied to the land being preserved in perpetuity. Commissioners agreed.

Motion by Jim Jahoda, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the expenditure of up to \$200,000 from the town's Open Space Account for the preservation of the Camp Laurel property on Clubhouse Road. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. Discuss and act on recommending to the Board of Selectmen the reappointment of Alton Blodgett, Jim Jahoda, Marc Lang, and Keith LaPorte to the Commission, with three-year terms to expire on 4/1/27.

Motion by Mia Colasuonno, seconded by Jon Slate, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the reappointment of Alton Blodgett, Jim Jahoda, Marc Lang, and Keith LaPorte to the Commission for three-year terms to expire April 1, 2027. Motion unanimously approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Chester reported that the farmland preservation appraisal for the Flegert property was underway and should be completed by the end of March.

VI. The Commission adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
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