



Town of Lebanon  
**CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Monday, April 1, 2024 ~ 4:30 p.m.  
**Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Downstairs Meeting Room**

**MINUTES**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and appointed Desiree Pearson and Jim Jahoda voting members.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ronald Goldstein (resident and Audubon member) discussed the use of neonics in agriculture and impacts on humans and water quality. He noted that Senate Bill 190 is a proposal to control their use in Connecticut. The Commission decided to include an article on neonics in its 2024 newsletter.

**III. MINUTES**

- a. **Motion by Jim Jahoda, seconded by Jon Slate, to approve the March 4, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Election of Officers.

**Vice Chair: Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Jon Slate, to appoint Mia Colasuonno as Commission Vice Chair. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Chair: Motion by Mia Colasuonno, seconded by Emery Gluck, to appoint Marc Lang Commission Chair. Motion unanimously approved.**

- b. April Litter Clean Up. Marc Lang has coordinated with the Boy Scouts to hold litter day pick up activities Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Commission asked that a 30-ton dumpster be placed at Public Works in April to give residents the ability to deposit road waste and that a sign be posted to that effect – funds to come from “nip tax”.
- c. Mr. Chester gave updates on farmland preservation (Flegert and Scanlon properties) and land preservation (Girl Scout Camp and Puhlick properties) efforts, and the Open Space Account budget.

**V. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**VI. The Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**

Submitted by Philip Chester

*Minutes are subject to approval at a subsequent meeting, with any changes noted at that time.*