

**Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission**  
**Regular Meeting, 4/1/19**  
**Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Jan Fitter (Secretary), Emery Gluck, Alton Blodgett, Ethan Stearns, Paul Trubey (Alt.), Michael Wolf (Student Rep.)  
Absent: Keith LaPorte, Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Chris Condit (Alt.), Andrew Holley (Alt.)  
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and appointed Paul Trubey as a voting member.

Discussion on planting of White Oak tree in commemoration of 1919 state legislation that required those practicing arboriculture for hire to pass a test and become a Connecticut Licensed Arborist, as recommended by Tree Warden Jay Tuttle. All 169 CT towns will be given a tree for planting provided by Connecticut Tree Protective Association. The Commission viewed the front and rear of the Town Hall Green property.

**Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the planting of the White Oak tree be to the rear of town hall near West Town Street midway between Town Hall and the intersection of West Town Street with Trumbull Highway. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Chester updated the Commission on conservation and agriculture projects, including the March closings of the Bender and McCall farmland preservation projects; update on Wolf (REW Farm) and Geer family farm preservation projects; town participation at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Day at the State Capitol where Governor Lamont and new Agriculture Commissioner Hurlburt visited with town representatives; 150-person attendance at the March 28<sup>th</sup> hemp/mushroom/grain education session sponsored by the Commission at Lyman Memorial High School; request of the Ag. Science Department to use the land below the Middle School for planting Christmas trees; and request of PZC for the Commission to recommend updates to the 2010 POCD Natural Resources section for the 2020 POCD by year's end.

The Commission adjourned at 5:41 p.m. The next regular Commission meeting is May 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Chester, AICP  
April 1, 2019