

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 2/5/18
Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Keith LaPorte, Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Toni Willard
Members absent: Jan Fitter, Emery Gluck, Paul Trubey, Howard Wayland, Bradley Bradley Wiczorek
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester and First Selectman Betsy Petrie

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to approve the 1/8/18 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission reviewed a proposal by the Selectmen to sell the 11+/- acres of town-owned land on Dianne Drive and discussed limiting the amount and location of animals on the property. Lebanon resident Wayne Budney, representing the New London County Farm Bureau, spoke against limiting animal density.

Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that due to the property's proximity to neighboring homes and community water source and aquifer the following restrictions should be added to the property deed:

- 1. A limit of ten (10) mature pigs be permitted unless a facility is constructed according to plans approved by the UCONN Extension Service or USDA in which the number of pigs shall be limited by capacity of facility;**
- 2. A minimum 100-foot setback for all farm animals and poultry shall be maintained from residential property lines located on Dianne Drive, Norman Road, and Rita Drive with the exception that pigs shall be setback a minimum of 300 feet from all homes other than the property owners; and**
- 3. The town retains the right to enter onto the property with 24-hour notice to inspect for compliance with these restrictions. Should the town determine that these restrictions are in violation, it shall have the right to seek an injunction from the court and request that the property owner pay court and legal fees.**

Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission rated Property #18-1 located on Trumbull Highway according to Lebanon's Farmland Preservation Rating System. It scored 19 points.

Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Jon Slate, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that property appraisals be conducted for this property. Motion unanimously approved.

Marc Lang conducted easement monitoring on the Anderson property and filed the annual report in the Land Records under "easements".

Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the Bender, Geer, McCall, and Wolf farmland preservation projects. At next Town Meeting residents will be asked to release \$75,000 for open space soft costs (appraisals, surveys, and related legal expenses) and funding for the Bender (\$18,750) and McCall (\$25,000) preservation projects from the Open Space Account.

The Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Philip Chester, Town Planner
February 5, 2018