



**Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2021  
Teleconference Meeting**

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Jan Fitter (Vice Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, Ethan Stearns, Dennis Goderre (Alt.)  
Absent: John Slate, Paul Trubey (Alt.), Marc Wolf (Alt.), Michael Wolf (Student Rep.)  
Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner)

I. Mr. Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Dennis Goderre as a voting Member.

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Minutes.

- a. **Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Jan Fitter, to approve the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. New Business.

- a. FY 2021-22 Operating Budget Request.

Mr. Chester reported that he was notified by the Department of Agriculture that grant funds would no longer be eligible for the Commission annual newsletter which in 2020 cost \$2,600+/-.

**Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Jan Fitter, to recommend to the Board of Finance a \$250 Commission operating budget subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen approving \$2,600 to be spent from the Open Space Account for the 2021 Commission newsletter – otherwise to recommend a \$3,000 operating budget to include the cost of the newsletter. Motion unanimously approved.**

- b. FY 2021-22 Capital Budget Request.

**Motion by Jan Fitter, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend that \$50,000 be added to the Open Space Account to be consistent with the Planning and Zoning Commission request. Motion unanimously approved.**

- c. Rating of New Preservation Projects. The Commission rated farmland preservation projects #1-2021 which scored 17 and #2-2021 which scored 23.

**Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Marc Lang, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen to expend \$8,000 from the Open Space Account to conduct appraisals for 724 Exeter Road (#1-2021) for farmland preservation purposes. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Marc Lang, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen to expend \$8,000 from the Open Space Account to conduct appraisals for 234 Village Hill Road (#2-2021) for farmland preservation purposes. Motion unanimously approved.**

- d. Mr. Chester provided updates on the Dearborn, Williams, and Krause projects.
- e. 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule.

**Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Jan Fitter, to approve the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion unanimously approved.**

- f. Marc Lang reported that he and Keith LaPorte had walked the John Drum and Pomer properties off Tobacco Street and Clubhouse Road and he recommends that this large forested block of land and an area between Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area and Savin Pond be included as Priority Forest Preservation Areas in the 2020 POCD.

**Motion by Marc Lang, seconded by Jan Fitter, to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission the addition of two (2) Priority Forest Preservation Areas in the Plan of Conservation and Development. Motion unanimously approved.**

The Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP  
Town Planner  
1/7/20