

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021 Lebanon Town Hall

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, John Slate,

Ethan Stearns, Marc Wolf (Alternate), Michael Wolf (Student Representative)

Absent: Jan Fitter (Vice Chair), John Drum (Alternate)

Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester, First Selectman Kevin Cwikla

- I. Mr. Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., appointed Marc Wolf as a voting member, and noted that Dennis Goderre had resigned from the Commission.
- II. Public Comment None.
- III. Motion made by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Marc Wolf, to approve the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. New Business.

- a. Discussion ensued regarding remediation work required by DEEP at the current Public Works site and the long-range planning for this site in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- b. MOTION made by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen bring to the next Town Meeting a resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$100,000 to be spent on open space soft costs, i.e., property appraisals, property surveys, legal costs, open space education, etc. MOTION unanimously approved.
- c. Mr. Chester reported that the town is conducting farmland preservation appraisals for 32+/- acres on the southwest corner of North Street at Goshen Hill Road (Assessors Map 260, Lot 13) and 69+/- acres on the east side of Village Hill Road (Assessors Map 250, Lot 15); that USDA easement monitoring reports are due in September; and that Senator Osten is assisting with setting up a meeting between DEEP, the Town, and her office to discuss state assistance to mitigate or eradicate invasives on Lake Williams.
- d. Mr. Lang brought up the need for trail maintenance at the Commons Hill and Five-Mile-Rock Trails.

The Commission adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP Town Planner 8/10/21