



Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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, John Drum (Alternate)
Also present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Town Planner Philip Chester

- I. Mr. Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Public Comment. Stuart Morse, Chair of the Woodstock Agriculture Commission was present to discuss some of the challenges and successes there are having in Woodstock. He asked to attend the meeting to share and learn about each community's agriculture endeavors.
- III. Motion made by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve the August 9, 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. Mr. Chester reported on the following items:
 - Update on farmland preservation projects.
 - Timber Harvest application before Inland Wetlands Commission for 43 Smith Road.
 - Update on invasive species control issues at Lake Williams, including a meeting with Senator Osten, DEEP, First Selectman, and Toni Tyler. The town will investigate applying to DEEP for an invasive species control grant in the fall.
 - DEEP is accepting applications for Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. Grant provides up to 50% State funds to purchase or get easement on land which must then be open to the public. To apply the town must have purchase & sales agreement in place. No project was identified by Commission for this grant round.
 - USDA monitoring easement reports are due for the Bender (Chester), Mazzucco (Blodgett), Champagne (Gluck), and Gluck (Lang) properties.
 - Update on agricultural regulation enforcement issues.
 - c. Michael Wolf updated the Commission on the Farmers Market.
 - d. The Commission reviewed and commented on the draft November 2021 newsletter. Mr. Lang and Mr. LaPorte will submit photos for the Dearborn and Williams properties.
 - e. Mr. Gluck volunteered to work with Mr. Lang on clearing the Five-Mile-Rock Trail.

The Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
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