



**Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021
Lebanon Town Hall**

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Emery Gluck, John Slate, Ethan Stearns, Marc Wolf (Alternate), Michael Wolf (Student Representative)
Absent: Jan Fitter, Alton Blodgett, Keith LaPorte, 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. and appointed Marc Wolf a voting member.
- II. Public Comment. Mia Colasuonno and Desiree Pearson (both of Randall Rd) expressed interest in joining the Commission. Mr. Lang noted that because Ms. Colasuonno had expressed interest first that he would make the following motion:

MOTION by Marc Lang, seconded by Marc Wolf, to recommend to the Board of Selectman the appointment of Mia Colasuonno to fill the vacant Alternate Member position. Motion unanimously approved.

- III. Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Emery Gluck, seconded by Jon Slate, to approve the Sept. 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. New Business.

- a. Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the following items:
- Farmland preservation projects, including his discussions with representative at the Department of Agriculture on farmland preservation and agricultural marketing, and the closing on the preservation of the 54-acre William's Farm on Mack Road.
 - Town interest in applying for the DEEP Invasive Species Control grant.
 - Remaining easement monitoring reports due to the USDA.
 - Final draft annual Commission town-wide newsletter due to printers by end of month.
 - Interest by two (2) property owners in opening new wineries.
 - Need to fill funding gap for 2022 and 2023 Farmers Markets caused by elimination of Department of Agriculture grant.

MOTION by Marc Lang, seconded by Jon Slate, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the use of ARPA funds to fill the Farmers Market funding gap for 2022 and 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. Michael Wolf updated the Commission on the Farmers Market and FFA activities.
- c. Commission interest in preserving remaining property owned by Liebman family across from Lake Williams on Brewster Pond and Exeter Rd. Mr. Chester will reach out to owners.
- d. Mr. Lang and Mr. Gluck cleared the Five-Mile-Rock Trail. Mr. Gluck and Mr. Stearns volunteered to work with Mr. Lang to clear the Commons Hill Grant this fall.

The Commission adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
Town Planner
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