

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 11/6/17
Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Jan Fitter (Vice Chair), Alton Blodgett, Keith LaPorte, Emery Gluck, Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns, Toni Willard (arrived 4:55 pm)
Members absent: Paul Trubey, Bradley Wieczorek
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Jon Slate, to approve the 9/11/17 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Jay Tuttle, Highway Foreman discussed the emerald ash borer invasion and some mitigation efforts the town could take. The Commission asked that an article be included in Lebanon Life describing the ash borer and options for landowners.

Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the Geer and Wolf property appraisals, and USDA funding authorization for the Bender and McCall properties. Town Meeting will need to be asked for open space funding to support the Bender and McCall projects. Ms. Fitter and Mr. Chester will meet with USDA on these projects on November 16th.

The Commission discussed Planning and Zoning Commission applications to change the zone map to add properties permanently preserved for agriculture into the "Agriculture" zone and zone text amendments to allow farm wineries and breweries in most zoning districts. Keith LaPorte recused himself from this discussion and voting. **Motion made by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Jan Fitter, to recommend approvals by the Planning and Zoning Commission of PZ-17-6667 and PZ-17-6668 as these applications continue Lebanon's efforts to promote agriculture as identified in the Plan of Conservation and Development. Motion approved.**

Motion made by Jan Fitter, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to request \$100,000 for five (5) years in the FY 2018-19 budget as recommended in 2010 POCD. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Jan Fitter, seconded by Emery Gluck, to approve and mail out the 2017 Commission newsletter as presented by Mr. Chester.

The Commission asked that DPW check out the Five-Mile Trail to assure it is clear of debris.

The Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Chester, Town Planner, November 7, 2017