

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 2/4/19
Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jan Fitter (Acting Chair), Emery Gluck, Alton Blodgett, Ethan Stearns, Jon Slate, Chris Condit, Toni Willard
Absent: Marc Lang (Chair), Keith LaPorte, Paul Trubey, Michael Wolf
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Jan Fitter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Jon Slate, to approve the 1/7/19 meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0-1 with Jon Slate abstaining.

Discussion on preserving the Kaye properties on Levita, Goshen and Old Meetinghouse Roads.

Motion by Jan Fitter, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that a property appraisal be conducted for the Kaye property and that the town fund up to \$25,000 from the Open Space Account for the purpose of DEEP purchasing the Kaye property. Motion approved 6-0-1, with Emery Gluck abstaining.

Mr. Chester updated the Commission on the Bender, Wolf, Geer, and McCall preservation projects; Feb. 23rd farmers market; March 20th town participation in Agriculture Day at the State Capitol; March 28th hemp/grain production education session at Lyman Memorial High School; and POCD resident survey.

Motion by Ethan Stearns, seconded by Chris Condit to co-sponsor the March 28th hemp/grain education session at the High School along with the Bozrah and Franklin Ag Commissions and Lebanon's Economic Development Commission. Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission reviewed and commented on potential POCD resident survey questions for Planning and Zoning Commission consideration.

The Commission reviewed the legislature's Environment Committee proposed bill No 5254 which would grant the authority of towns to establish a buyers conveyance fee on real property to fund the purchase and stewardship of open space.

Motion by Jan Fitter, seconded by Emery Gluck to issue letter of bill endorsement. Motion approved 4-1-2, with Chris Condit opposed and Ethan Stearns and Alton Blodgett abstaining.

The Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next regular Commission meeting is March 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Chester, AICP
February 4, 2019