Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Regular Meeting, 7/11/16

Minutes

Call to order at 4:32 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Keith LaPorte, Alton Blodgett, Howard Wayland, Oliver Manning, Emery Gluck, Bradley Wieczorek (Student Rep.), Toni Willard (4:45)

Members absent: Jan Fitter, John Slate, Paul Trubey

Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester Oliver Manning appointed acting alternate

Motion (AB) to approve 5/9/16 meeting minutes; seconded (OM) and approved unanimously.

Property A-7/11/16 was rated according to the Commission's Farmland Preservation Rating System and scored at 16. Motion (KL) to recommend to the Board of Selectman that a conservation easement appraisal be conducted for farmland preservation purposes. Seconded (AB) and passed unanimously.

Property B-7/11/16 was rated according to the Commission's Farmland Preservation Rating System and scored 19. Motion (AB) to recommend to the Board of Selectman that a conservation easement appraisal be conducted for farmland preservation purposes. Seconded (HW) and passed unanimously.

Marc Lang recused himself and left the room.

Property C-7/11/16 was rated according to the Commission's Farmland Preservation Rating System and scored a 10/11. No motion was made to preserve this property.

The Commission reviewed the 6/21/16 appraisal report for Charles and Ronald Bender property off Bender Road. The appraisal showed the 30-acre conservation easement value to be \$75,000. Motion (AB) to recommend to Board of Selectmen that the town apply for USDA-NRCS ALE funds to secure \$37,500 (50% easement value) and that \$18,750 (25% easement value) from the Open Space Account be allocated as the town share. Seconded (HW) and passed unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Chester