

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 12/7/15
Minutes

Call to order, 4:30 p.m., by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Jan Fitter (until 5:15), Howard Wayland , Alton Blodgett, Oliver Manning, , Jon Slate, (4:45), Emery Gluck, Keith Laporte

Members absent: Toni Willard, Paul Trubey

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, Kim Klikowicz of 242 East Hebron Tpke., Christian Joseph of Pride's

Oliver appointed acting alternate.

Kim presented an idea proposal for a Lebanon Horse Trail System. The idea is for a multi-use trail system supporting passive recreation and suitable for horse riding. The proposal indicates requirements and suggests potential benefits, including attraction to the many horse owners in town, attraction of businesses supporting horse activities, and enhancing Lebanon's desirability as a place to live.

Phil explained that nearly all preserved land in Lebanon remains in private ownership or is owned and overseen by the state. Only landowners can allow access to private land, and she would need to approach DEEP about state land. Ideas were exchanged. It was suggested that Kim try to bring together other interested horse owners to put together a plan they can follow, and that Sue Davis might be a good resource for her to contact.

Motion (AB) to approve minutes of 11/2/15 meeting; seconded (HW) and approved unanimously, with Keith abstaining.

Christian described progress on Pride's landscaping upgrade and also successful community outreach undertaken in response to vandalism. He also presented an update on water quality monitoring; 2015 sampling was done in June, October, and November. Milone and MacBroom analyzed the test results. Phosphorous and nitrate concentrations were higher than desirable but below the threshold for pollution. It was noted in both cases that "continued monitoring will help determine if the concentration of [phosphorous or nitrates] is excessive."

With agreement of the landowners, the Rechlin and Gluck parcels were monitored, and monitoring reports are in process. The Champagne and 5-mile Rock parcels have not yet been walked.

Per Keith's notes: I think they say Motion (KL) that the ConsAg Commission will place a surveyor's benchmark in lieu of re-engraving at the rock; second (ML). Passed with Keith, Marc, Alton, and Emery voting yes, Howard voting no, and Jon and Oliver abstaining.

Motion (HW) to adjourn at 6:05 pm; seconded (OM) and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y