

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular meeting, 9/8/14
Minutes

Call to order, 4:34 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Oliver Manning, Jon Slate, Emery Gluck, Jan Fitter, Alton Blodgett, Howard Wayland, Toni Willard, (4:40)

Members absent: Keith Laporte, Paul Trubey, Alyna Stober

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, Bill Ingalls, Joyce Okonuk for a few minutes

Oliver appointed acting alternate. Motion to approve minutes of 6/2/14 meeting; seconded and approved unanimously.

Farm 14-E was introduced and rated; rating = 16 points. Motion (JS) to recommend to BoS to approve funds for appraisals; seconded (EG) and passed unanimously.

Phil updated us on active/pending projects.

Also, the open space fund balance is \$186K. Pending outlays: \$26.6K for Town's contribution for farm 13-A; +/- \$20K for appraisals for four farm preservations; ????? for Town's contribution for farm 14-A.

Thank you note for Farmer's Cow donation (=/- \$120) needs to be sent.

The farmland preservation celebration is Sept. 20. We are invited. There will be hayrides.

A form letter to set up monitoring dates in late Oct.-Nov. needs to be drafted and sent to owners: Rechlin, Champagne, Emery, Prue or owners. Anderson parcels need monitoring for USDA too.

Joyce updated us on addressing beavers on North Street. The trapper the town uses is talking to DEP about how to proceed. She described other problem spots, particularly Cook Hill Road. Follow-up on a longer-term remedy would be good. Leveling project ("Beaver Baffler")? A design may be available on the DEP website. Further research needed.

JT is reaching out to communities. Fran Funk and Bill will have booth at Ag. celebration.

Motion to adjourn at 5:12; seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Fitter, Ass't Chair/Sec'y