

**Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission**  
**Regular Meeting, 11/5/18**  
**Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, Toni Willard, Jon Slate, Alton Blodgett, Jan Fitter (Vice Chair/Secretary), Ethan Stearns, Chris Condit, Michael Wolf (Lebanon Chapter FFA President)

Absent: Paul Trubey

Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Marc Lang.

**Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Emery Gluck, to approve the 9/10/18 meeting minutes. Motion approved 3-0-4 w/Jan Fitter, Christ Condit, Alton Blodgett and Ethan Stearns abstaining.**

The Commission reviewed a 10/24/18 letter from Mr. Pulcinella rejecting the town's \$380,000 offer to purchase development rights to his property on Trumbull Highway. The offer was the full value of the development rights as determined by an appraisal. No further action taken.

The town has engaged Catherine Marrion (Waller Smith & Palmer) as the closing attorney for the purchase of the development rights for the Ronald & Charles Bender property. The property should close by end of year or early next year.

The purchase of development rights to the McCall property on McCall Road is moving along, with closing expected early next year. The purchase of development rights survey for the Mark Wolf property on Trumbull Highway should be completed by years end with closing next year.

The town conducted an RFP to conduct an A-2 survey to purchase of development rights to the 100-acre Geer farm on Exeter/York/Mack Roads. Hellstrom Land Surveying was lowest bidder.

**Motion by Jan Fitter, seconded by Alton Blodgett to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the use of Hellstrom Land Surveying to conduct the Geer family property survey. Motion unanimously approved.**

The Commission discussed capital planning regarding the open space account and a resident survey and cost of community services study related to the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Lebanon is part of a 12-town application to DEEPs CT Recreation Trail Grant Program to create a master plan for the Airline State Park Trail. The town will be submitting a 2018/19 Dept. of Agriculture Farm Viability grant to help fund farmers market advertising, ConsAg newsletter, resident survey, and cost of community services study. The town's 4 winter markets will take place at the Senior Center on 11/17, 12/15, 1/19 and 2/23.

The Commission adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next regular Commission meeting is December 3, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Philip Chester, AICP, November 5, 2018*