

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 6/4/18
Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, Chris Condit, Jon Slate, Ethan Stearns,
Member absent: Jan Fitter, Toni Willard, Paul Trubey, Alton Blodgett, Bradley Wiczorek (Student Rep.)
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Motion by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to approve the 5/7/18 meeting minutes amended to reflect that “Chris Condit” was “also present” and “Mick” Bartlett’s name be changed to “Mike” Bartlett. Motion unanimously approved.

Honor Lawler (CT Trust for Public Lands) and Town of Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commissioners attended the meeting to discuss a proposed 3-town (Columbia, Hebron, Lebanon) initiative to preserve/create a 1,000-acre community forest to include 80+/- acres in Lebanon abutting the Airline Trail. The Trust for Public Land is spearheading the project which is expected to take several years to complete. Consensus of the Commission was that the town should participate in this endeavor.

Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an offer to purchase the development rights to 65 Trumbull Highway, which consists of 167+/- acres, be made subject to Federal, State, and Town funding. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Emery Gluck, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that a farmland preservation appraisal be conducted for 312 Mack Road. Motion approved 4-0-2 with Marc Lang and Keith LaPorte abstaining.

Mr. Chester noted that USDA annual monitoring reports are due in September. The Commission adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Philip Chester, Town Planner
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