

Lebanon Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting, 6/1/09  
**Minutes**

Call to order, 4:32 p.m.

Members present: Keith Laporte, Marc Lang, Alton Blodgett, Jan Fitter, David Scata, Toni Willard

Member absent: Howard Wayland, Emery Gluck, Jon Slate

Also present: Phil Chester, Town Planner

Marc appointed Toni Willard as acting alternate.

Motion to approve minutes of 5/11/09 regular meeting seconded and passed unanimously, with David abstaining. Motion to approve minutes of 4/23/09 special meeting seconded and passed unanimously, with Alton and David abstaining.

Members reviewed the proposed Right-to-Farm ordinance redrafted by Phil with recommendations from the First Selectman. Consensus that this shorter version is better. The ordinance as drafted confirms Lebanon's policy to be a farm-friendly town while recognizing that, by state statute, the State Department of Agriculture has sole authority over regulation or enforcement of agricultural activities. The word "normally" was deleted, as redundant, from Section III. #5.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the ordinance be brought before Town Meeting for consideration and action; seconded and passed unanimously.

No audience present.

Discussion of property 09-C. Agriculturally active, good natural resource value, abuts protected open space. A motion was made to recommend that open space funds be used to pay for appraisals needed for preservation and for survey if needed; seconded and passed unanimously.

Letter to be written to those abutting Commons Hill Trail – S. Archer, Ed Tollman, Kosels (sp?) – to notify them about the trail and offer a key to the gate.

Phil reported that the First Selectman feels a litter ordinance would not be effective or worthwhile.

-- Property 09-2: the owners canceled the meeting; Marc sent a letter thanking them for their interest and noting that the commission is here to offer support.

-- FDA grant properties: if grants are approved, will have to go to Town Meeting to accept Town's part of the easement. Are there other options?

Reviewed Windham Region Land Use Plan Conservation Areas map. Noted need for some corrections.

CFT annual gala at Greywall Farms: three owners of properties partnering with Town for FDA grants will receive free invitations. Phil will dance. Discussion of sending invitations to owners in town who have preserved. Decided the cost might be offensive.

Motion to adjourn at 5:31pm; seconded and passed unanimously.