



Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 11/4/19
Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Ethan Stearns, Jon Slate, Dennis Goderre (Alt.), Marc Wolf (Alt.), Paul Trubey (Alt.)
Absent: Jan Fitter (Secretary), Keith LaPorte, Michael Wolf (Student Representative)
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Marc Lang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and appointed Dennis Goderre a voting member.

MOTION by Jon Slate, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve the October 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 5-0-1 with Dennis Goderre abstaining.

Mr. Chester is authorizing a revised appraisal for the Geer farmland preservation project; will be submitting application to the Dept. of Ag. for a Farm Viability Grant to fund farmers market advertising and Commission newsletter; will be meeting with new owner of Anderson property and Jan Fitter to go over easement language and Five-Mile-Rock access; recommends trail access be limited from dawn to dusk; attended AFT focus group on farm access and succession; attended POCD Open Space Subcommittee with Marc Wolf regarding CTC&D grant application to study feasibility of creating ag. center with housing for new and beginner farmers in Lebanon; attended meeting with Robin Chesmer, Jim Smith, and others regarding SCCOG grant application to Ag. Dept. to study potential reuse of dairy land; provided copies of 2019 Lebanon Cost-of-Community Services study which shows that for every \$1.00 collected in local taxes, \$1.15 is spent on residential land uses, \$0.20 is spent on open space and farmland, and \$0.17 on commercial or industrial land uses; provided copies of 2019 CTC&D Zoning Regulations for Livestock manual; updated efforts to preserve Wells Wood; discussed need for Commission to recommend 2020 POCD Natural Resources section; discussed planning for November 23rd winter market; provided copies of draft 2019 Commission newsletter; and noted FY 2020-21 capital budget request from Board of Finance due January 9, 2020.

MOTION by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Five-Mile-Rock and Commons Hill trails be open only dawn until dusk. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION by Marc Lang, seconded by Dennis Goderre, to support the application of CTC&D to the CT Department of Agriculture for a Farm Viability Grant to study the feasibility to creating an agriculture center with housing for new and beginning farmers in Lebanon. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION by Dennis Goderre, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to support the application of SCCOG to the CT Department of Agriculture for a Farm Viability Grant to study Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Marc Lang, to mail out the 2019 Commission newsletter to all residents. Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Chester, AICP
November 7, 2019