

Lebanon Conservation Commission
Special Meeting, 12/1/08
Minutes

Call to order, 4:38 p.m.

Members present: Keith Laporte, Jon Slate, Marc Lang, Alton Blodgett, Jan Fitter, Howard Wayland, Toni Willard, Emery Gluck, David Scata
Also present as of 5:17: Phil Chester, Town Planner

Marc reordered the agenda.

Motion to approve minutes for 11/3/08 regular meeting; seconded and passed unanimously, with David abstaining.

No audience present.

Plaques to be presented (Fischer, Tollman, Magnuson) at **Town Meeting, Dec. 15**, which will also consider allocation for appraisals/surveys. **Members should attend.** Joyce will make a statement; Marc will present the plaques. Wayne Budney is working on the perpetual plaque for Town Hall.

Spring litter pick-up. Discussion. Adopt-your-road and Alternative Incarceration (Matt Vertefeuille) were mentioned. Ad in Lebanon Life? We'd have to pay for it. Tabled to January.

Discussion of Capital Planning. Supporting memo distributed. Consensus that it's good. Grant strategies and bonding discussed. If we are using the open space fund and making outlays, it could take several years to reach the requested \$500,000 undesignated in the account. A motion was made to request \$100,000 for the open space fund for each year on the Capital Planning form. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Update on Rechlin conservation easement. Mr. & Mrs. Rechlin met with Phil and Jan. Mr. Rechlin is not happy with how the easement is written and is rewriting it himself. It will then require attorney review.

Consensus (re conservation easements) that it would be good to use an attorney with specialized experience in these matters. PZC uses a land use attorney. Ed O'Connell and Fritz Geohagan of Waller, Palmer, Smith were mentioned. Is \$5 more per hour, but expertise would mean a better job in less time, so cost would ultimately be lower.

Old business: Discussion of fees in lieu of open space donations. Tiny, random, unenforceable open space parcels are undesirable. Monetary donation to open space fund is preferable.

Town Planner's report:

Conservation survey results will be released 2nd week of Dec.

Phil spoke favorably on NU progress for hiking path to Commons Hill.

Motion to adjourn at 5:29 pm; seconded and passed unanimously.

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