

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Special Meeting, 9/11/17
Jonathan Trumbull Library

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Keith LaPorte, Emery Gluck,
Jon Slate, Howard Wayland, Toni Willard (arrived 4:50 p.m.)
Members absent: Jan Fitter, Ethan Stearns, Paul Trubey, Bradley Wieczorek
Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Meeting called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Howard Wayland, to approve the 8/7/17 meeting minutes. Approved 5-0-1 with Marc Lang abstaining.

The Commission reviewed Marc Wolf's farmland preservation application. The Wolf farm (REW) is a 145+/- acre dairy farm at 1152 Trumbull Highway. Using the Farmland Preservation Rating System and GIS mapping the Commission rated this farm 19 out of 27 points.

Motion made by Jon Slate, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that appraisals be conducted for 1152 Trumbull Highway for farmland preservation purposes. Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission reviewed Ron Drum's farmland preservation application. The Drum farm is 45+/- acre farm at 590 Tobacco Street. Using the Farmland Preservation Rating System and GIS mapping the Commission rated this farm 14 out of 27 points. The Commission asked that the property boundaries be clarified and that Connecticut Farmland Trust be contact to ask if they were interested in being a project partner. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

The Commission, along with about 40 residents, viewed a documentary about Jewish farmers in eastern Connecticut entitled Harvesting Stones and adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Philip Chester, Town Planner, September 12, 2017