



Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020
Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road

Members present: Marc Lang (Chair), Alton Blodgett, Emery Gluck, Keith LaPorte, Ethan Stearns, Marc Wolf (Alt.), Michael Wolf (Student Rep.), Jan Fitter by phone until 4:50 p.m.
Absent: John Slate, Paul Trubey (Alt.), Dennis Goderre (Alt.)
Also present: Philip Chester (Town Planner)

- I. Mr. Lang called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and appointed Marc Wolf as a voting member.
- II. Public Comment.
 - a. Prides Corner Farm. Christian Joseph from Prides spoke about water quality at Hoxie and Pease Brooks abutting the farm. Testing is conducted 4 times a year and analyzed by Malone & McBroom. Mark Selless spoke on changes made to retain farmland soils, water, and fertilizers to the site, and to limit chemical usage.
 - b. Jeanne Davie, Executive Director CT Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. reported on their project to investigate two (2) farms for new farmer access to include soils analysis, use of land, physical/infrastructure layout, economic/business model for both farmland development and individual farmers, and potential for affordable farm housing. This project is funded through the Dept. of Agriculture.
- III. Meeting Minutes.
 - a. MOTION by Keith LaPorte, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.
- IV. New Business
 - a. MOTION by Alton Blodgett, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize a property survey to preserve the 94-acre Dearborn property at 150 Exeter Road as a farmland preservation match for the Department of Agriculture. Motion unanimously approved.
 - b. MOTION by Emery Gluck, seconded by Ethan Stearns, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize a property survey to preserve the 56-acre Williams property at 312 Mack Road as a farmland preservation match for the Department of Agriculture. Motion unanimously approved.
 - c. The Commission reviewed the draft 2020 Newsletter which will be mailed to residents the week on November 16th.

The Commission adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Philip S. Chester, AICP
Town Planner
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