Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Regular Meeting, 11/7/16

Minutes

Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Oliver Manning, Emery Gluck, Jon Slate, Jan Fitter,

Keith LaPorte, Alton Blodgett, Howard Wayland, Bradley Wieczorek (Lyman High Rep), Toni Willard (4:35 p.m.)

Members absent: Oliver Manning, Paul Trubey Also present: Town Planner Philip Chester

Motion by Jon Slate, seconded by Jan Fitter, to approve the 10/3/16 meeting minutes with the correct name change for Jon. Approved, with Jan Fitter, Alton Blodgett and Keith LaPorte abstaining.

Motion by Jan Fitter, seconded by Jon Slate, to recommend that the Board of Finance budget \$100,000 for in FY 2017-18 and future years up to a \$500,000 balance per the POCD for land preservation. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Howard Wayland, seconded by Alton Blodgett, to approve printing and mailing the 2016 Commission newsletter. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Chester noted that a Farm Viability Grant application is being made to the Dept. of Agriculture for farmers market advertising/market master costs, including the addition of a winter market in 2017/18, farmland preservation property appraisal/survey costs and Commission newsletter printing and mailing costs.

The Commission recommended that additional letters be sent out to farm property owners to inquire of their interest in farmland preservation.

Annual easement monitoring to be conducted for the Rechlin property (Alton Blodgett and Emery Gluck); Champagne property (Emery Gluck and Jan Fitter); Anderson property (Marc Lang and Keith LaPorte); and Fischer property (Jan Fitter).

The Commission adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Chester, Town Planner 11/8/2016