

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular meeting, 11/3/14

Minutes

Call to order, 4:32 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Alton Blodgett, Oliver Manning, Jan Fitter, Howard Wayland, Toni Willard, (4:45)

Members absent: Jon Slate, Emery Gluck, Keith Laporte, Paul Trubey, Alyna Stober

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, Bill Ingalls, Christian Joseph of Pride's

Oliver appointed acting alternate. Motion to approve minutes of 10/6/14 meeting; seconded and approved unanimously.

Christian reported that nitrate levels were higher than earlier on two tests but still well within tolerances. Pride's is investigating possible reasons for this elevation. We also discussed the town's request that Pride's improve the appearance of its facilities' roadsides. We had consensus that split rail fences are not sufficient; higher obscuring plantings are desirable. Christian suggested that Pride's provide a proposed landscaping plan for discussion with us and PZC. We agreed – excellent idea.

He reported that Pride's does not plan to hire a full-time environmental engineer. Marc asked about water tests on Susquetonscutt Brook. Christian said Pride's is wary because of other potential upstream pollution sources. We will look into testing that is done in the stream pursuant to the landfill, possibly by DEP. If we can obtain recent results, it might work as a baseline for downstream testing.

Phil updated us on active/pending projects. No new projects at the moment. The Waylands have completed their application, and ten are in the pipeline.

Meeting pending with owners for property 14-A regarding town easement on the property being held out of the PDR easement (i.e., easement on iconic scenic field plus a forest strip buffer). Phil feels a commission member should be present. Jan is available.

Motion to ask the Town Planner to request an update from the Dept. of Ag. on Dearborn, Selleck, Postemski, and Leone, as well as a timeline for each; seconded and passed unanimously.

Monitoring is completed for Rechlin and Gluck. Champagne and Anderson B to be done on Nov. 8. Owners informed by phone, e-mail for Pat Prue. Fisher to be done as drive-by.

Motion to adjourn at 5:18; seconded and passed unanimously.

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