

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular meeting, 4/7/13
Minutes

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

Members present: Marc Lang, Oliver Manning, Jon Slate, Emery Gluck, Alton Blodgett, Jan Fitter, Keith Laporte, Howard Wayland, Toni Willard (4:45)

Members absent: Paul Trubey, Alyna Stober

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, Bill Ingalls

Motion (AB) to approve minutes of 3/3/14 meeting; seconded (JS) and approved unanimously.

Bill reported that as a precursor to full JT Board membership, he will assist Wayne Magnuson in stewardship of Schleicher preserved property.

Tree removal for sightlines was discussed. The Town Engineer recommends a sightline of no less than 200 feet in all cases. The commission would like an opinion on sightlines for 20 mph and less on dirt roads.

Phil submitted the grant application for emerald ash borer education. Motion (KL) to inventory ash trees around the Green for possible individual treatment once the scourge arrives and to so recommend to the Board of Selectmen; seconded (HW) and passed unanimously.

After discussion with the owners, two appraisals are being done for two scenarios for property 14-A. Preservation of property 13-A is underway. The Preli farm is to be preserved without use of Town funds other than appraisal already done.

Discussion of enhancement at Town-owned land on Yantic River – perhaps a table? interpretive signs? No recommendation at this time.

Alton and Dennis Latchum explored the Ten Mile River Preserve for a possible trail corridor. The northern portion of the property is too wet to allow a loop trail. A dead-end out-and-back river-view walk of 489 yards as marked on Alton's map is proposed.

Replacement sign is in place at Commons Hill trailhead. A work party is needed for reblazing and brush clearing. Five-mile Rock trail is in good shape.

Lebanon's display at Agriculture Day at the capital was a success.

Discussion of possible letter-boxing/geocaching event on trails in town over a period of several weeks. No action at this time.

A Community Day will be held (by LCBA?) in the town center parking lot on July 14. Phil reported that a regional conservation and agriculture commission exists. The Savin Farm easement bill is out of committee and signs are hopeful.

Town leasing of ag. land tabled until May.

Motion (KL) to adjourn at 5:34; seconded (HW), unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y