

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Regular Meeting, 11/5/12
Minutes

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

Members present: Marc Lang, Jan Fitter, Alton Blodgett, Keith Laporte, Jon Slate, , Toni Willard, Emery Gluck, Paul Trubey

Members absent: Howard Wayland, Oliver Manning

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester

No public comment.

Motion (AB) to approve minutes of 10/1/12 regular meeting; seconded (JS); approved unanimously.

Motion (KL) to approve minutes of 10/26/12 special meeting; seconded (JS); approved: 4 in favor, with 3 abstentions.

2013 meeting dates agreed upon with correction of time to 4:30 and of June 10 date to June 3.

Property 12-F was rated long ago using the former rating scale. It was re-rated and received a score of 16. Consensus that no Town funds should be used for the appraisal of this property as the Town fund is very low, and prospects for preservation are uncertain.

Oliver Road subdivision. Consensus that the open space configuration is acceptable but the easement language for both the agricultural and conservation easements is deficient. Motion (AB) to give a favorable recommendation pending easement language acceptable to the Town attorney and placement of medallions of vinyl or aluminum, minimum 9 square inches, using aluminum nails, at eye level (c. 5-6 feet) on trees every 100 feet +/- at the boundaries of the conservation easement. Seconded (JS) and passed with 6 in favor and Keith and Paul abstaining.

Kaplan open space trail: Think about stewardship (something like JT's program?). Walk and plan this winter. Motion (JF) to adopt "Ten Mile River Preserve" as the name for the property; seconded (AB) and passed unanimously.

Williams properties: The large parcel on Rte. 87 is being appraised. The home farm parcel on Goshen Hill Road remains in play.

Anderson: Yellow medallions are needed for the trail to Five-Mile Rock, as are an interpretive sign at the rock and at the start of the trail. These should be noted in the conservation easement.

Commons Hill: Nothing to report on lease. Tom Conley will fill ruts at start with surplus stone filings (?). Dirt bikes (neighboring kids) have been wreaking havoc and were cheeky to members checking the trail. A certified letter to adjacent property owner is being pondered.

Town Planner's report: covered elsewhere.

Motion (multiple) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y