

Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission
Special Meeting, 5/1/12
Minutes

Call to order, 4:31 p.m. by Marc Lang

Members present: Marc Lang, Jan Fitter, Keith Laporte, Howard Wayland, Emery Gluck, Jon Slate, Oliver Manning, Paul Trubey, Toni Willard (4:40)

Member absent: Alton Blodgett

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, First Selectman Joyce Okunuk, members of the public

Marc appointed Paul Trubey acting alternate.

Motion (KL) to approve minutes of 6/4/12 Special Meeting with the following correction: the farmland rating system adopted was the one dated "revised Dec. 5, 2011," not the one dated "Revised September 2007"; seconded (PT) and passed unanimously.

Tom Dinda and family, 138 Randall Road, about the Anderson property and expressed concern about the property's status. Phil explained the conservation easement and the progress of the process. The Dinda's hope the preservation effort will succeed. All of the preceding also occurred with Sherri Martin, who arrived later in the meeting.

Joyce Okunuk asked the Commission to review the Proposed Ordinance on Regulation of Dogs and Other Animals, on the agenda for the 6/4/12 Town Meeting. She explained that the ordinance was drafted based on a state statute and the reasons for pursuing it and discussed concerns with some members. Motion (JF) to give the ordinance a favorable recommendation; seconded (ML) and passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Paul Trubey voting against.

Discussion of Green Valley Connections was tabled to the next meeting.

Marc will call John Gardener about renewing the agreement with CL&P for the Commons Hill Trail.

It was agreed with Mr. Kaplan that he would plant corn on the cemetery property this year. It's late, and no prep or planting has occurred. Phil will contact Mr. Kaplan to confirm that he intends to plant. If not, Selectmen will be asked to put out to bid for a multiyear lease to seed to hay in the fall.

Town Planner's report: Policy regarding monitoring of conservation easements was briefly discussed.

Motion (JF) to adjourn at 5:54 p.m., seconded (HW) and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y