

Lebanon Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting, 4/4/11
Minutes

Call to order, 4:33 p.m.

Members present: Marc Lang, Emery Gluck, Alton Blodgett, Keith Laporte, Jan Fitter, Howard Wayland, Jon Slate, David Scata, Toni Willard (4:50)

Member absent: none

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester, Dennis Latcham of IWC

Motion to approve minutes of 3/7/11 regular meeting, with correction of date to 3/7/11; seconded and passed unanimously.

Dennis Latcham reported on the pond next to the Town garage. Paul Capotosto of WHAMM indicates that they will treat for phragmites eradication, a 2-3 year process. CLEAR received the grant and will work on a design plan. Contact is Peter Minuit(sp?). Buffer construction must wait until physical removal of phragmites is complete. Discussion of contacting nearby property owner to assess their interest in pursuing phragmites treatment.

Town Planner's report:

Phil will make contact with relatives regarding property 11-1. Discussion of possible funding sources – Forest Legacy Program (status unknown), Nature Conservancy, Conn. Forest and Parks, Joshua's Trust. But first step is to assess owner interest.

This year's allocation to the Open Space Fund has been reduced to \$20,000 [later corrected to zero dollars]. Balance will be negative with current commitments (10-D and 10-G).

April 7, Land Preservation Celebration. Program discussed.

Discussion of properties 11-2 (forest) and 11-A (farmland). To be rated next month if progress warrants.

Mindel and Slate properties have closed.

Owner of subdivision donation conservation easement on Gates Farm Road has applied for a burn permit outside of the easement area.

Property 10-G is moving along.

Pride's Corner Farms is on agenda to explain wetlands violation/mitigation at tonight's IWC meeting.

Alton is covering Lebanon for the DEP/TU culverts initiative to inventory culverts and their condition. Once needs are identified, grants can be pursued for improvement of fish passage. Anyone who can give Alton a hand should let him know.

Old/new business: none.

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m., seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y