

Lebanon Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting, 9/14/09
Minutes

Call to order, 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Keith Laporte, Marc Lang, Alton Blodgett, Howard Wayland, Emery Gluck, Jon Slate, Jan Fitter, David Scata
Member absent: Toni Willard

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester; Bob Andrews (4:35)

Motion to approve minutes of 8/3/09 regular meeting seconded and passed unanimously, with David abstaining.

Mr. Bob Andrews attended regarding a conservation easement in Meadow Ridge subdivision on property owned by Dave Lenkiewicz, who was not present. Mr. Lenkiewicz has asked Mr. Andrews to clean up the mess left on part of the property by logging activity. (Mr. Andrews took no part at all in this logging activity.) The area to be cleaned up is not within the conservation easement, but Mr. Andrews wants to be sure he does not affect restricted ground in creating access. Neither the Commission nor Mr. Chester, as wetlands enforcement officer, can offer guidance without a written plan of what is proposed, and the owner needs to provide this and present it himself. Mr. Andrews will relay this information to Mr. Lenkiewicz.

Commons Hill Trail: Marc suggested a work party for the first or second weekend in October. Jon may be able to get an old bar for the gate. Howard will donate use of a post hole digger. Marc, Keith, Emery (if here), Jan, and Dave think they will be able to work. Marc will be in touch. Jan will e-mail the letter to abutters to Marc and Phil for final touch-up and sending.

Phil updated on potential Farm/Ranchland grant possibilities. Property 09-F owners are not interested at this time. Phil informed owners of property 09-I that the property is not suitable for this type of grant (insufficient ag.). Property 09-J similar. Other possibilities still to be investigated.

Rechlin "baseline documentation report" probably needed soon. Jan will help.

Phil distributed summary of open space fund activity. Discussion. A motion was made to recommend to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to put on Town Meeting agenda the release of \$30,000 from the open space fund to be available for quickly needed soft costs in preservation proposals; seconded and passed unanimously.

A motions was made to renew the Commission's CACIWC membership and newsletter subscription, joined with Wetlands Commission membership to obtain discount; seconded and passed unanimously.

Marc distributed a flyer announcing Columbia's upcoming forum on family land preservation and other preservation options – Nov. 7, Yeoman's Hall. Similar to the workshop Phil organized for Lebanon and to the GVI forum.

Motion to adjourn at 5:28, seconded and passed unanimously.