Lebanon Conservation and Agriculture Commission Special Meeting, 2/4/13 **Minutes**

Call to order, 4:33 p.m. by Marc Lang.

Members present: Marc Lang, Alton Blodgett, Jan Fitter, Howard Wayland, Keith Laporte,

Toni Willard (4:45) Oliver Manning,

Member absent: Jon Slate, Emery Gluck, Paul Trubey

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester

Motion (JF) to approve minutes of 1/7/14 meeting; seconded (HW) and approved unanimously.

The first annual Conservation and Agriculture Commission Conservation Award was presented to Dennis Latchum with gratitude for his efforts on behalf of conservation in Lebanon and around the region.

The Trust for Public Land is leading a lobbying effort for legislation to cause the state to place a conservation easement on the Savin property. A motion was made to express our strongest support for the state placing a conservation easement on the entirety of the Savin property; seconded and passed unanimously.

A request for a farm rating was discussed; no action taken owing to uncertain circumstances.

Reappointments tabled until the March meeting.

The commission expressed consensus that we should pursue a grant that is available to increase public awareness of the emerald ash borer and the Asian long-horned beetle.

Phil updated us on open projects.

We discussed draft bid specs for ag. leases on town-owned land. The commission would like to review them.

A conservation fair was discussed. Toni is itemizing her ideas.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jan Fitter, Sec'y