

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

Call to order, 4:31 p.m. by Phil Chester

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

Member absent: Howard Wayland

Also present: Town Planner Phil Chester

Election of officers: Motion (KL) to appoint Marc Lang Chairman; seconded (JS) and passed unanimously. Motion (KL) to appoint Jan Fitter Vice-chair/Secretary; seconded (JS) and passed unanimously.

There have been no previous meetings. All ConAg Commission meetings in 2012 must be warned and recorded as special meetings.

Marc appointed Paul and Toni as acting alternates.

A copy of the ordinance for our commission was distributed.

No audience present.

Motion (AB) to adopt farmland rating system created by Conservation Commission, dated Revised, September 2007; seconded (JS) and passed unanimously.

Motion (AB) to adopt forestland rating system ("input data set") created by Conservation Commission, dated 3/28/07; seconded (JF) and passed unanimously.

The Kaplan property was rated. The score is 790, with the following on-the-ground comments: abuts the Airline Trail; high variety of natural resources and habitats; high potential for passive recreation.

Property 11-1 was rated. The score is 825, with the following on-the-ground comments: dirt roads with closed canopy – popular walking venue; significant part of a large unfragmented forest containing two already preserved parcels.

Town Planner's report:

Phil explained how the Board of Finance's action on the Kaplan property would affect the open space account. The remaining balance would be \$145,000 +/-, with 15K of that committed to Beltane Farm and 85K committed to property 11-1.

Motion (AB) to set the ConAg Commission meeting dates as the first Monday in each month, except in September (second Monday), starting in June; there will be no additional meeting in May. Motion seconded (KL) and passed unanimously. Phil will distribute a new list of dates.

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m., seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Fitter, Sec'y