

# Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

Land Use Office, 80 Doyle Road, PO Box 12, Bantam, CT 06750

## Regular Members

Mark Austin, Chair '12  
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair '10  
Rachel Carley '13  
Ellen Keeney '13  
Peter Onderdonk '14 Clerk  
Sherri Robson '12  
John Baker '12

## Alternates

Monet Meter '12  
Charles Dyson '12

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## Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING 24 January 2012

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:03

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Dyson, Fuessenich,  
Members absent: Carley, Keeney, Meter, Onderdonk, Robson,  
Public in attendance: Mike Sanford

1. Appointment of Alternates: Dyson appointed voting member.
2. Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2011: Motion to approve Baker, seconded Fuessenich, unanimous consent.
3. Public Comment:
  - Mike Sanford, 32 Penfield Drive, Northfield – Conservation Easement Trees  
Mr. Sanford came to the commission about storm damaged trees and cutting them within a Conservation Easement. Trees within the easement (mostly under 3-4”) are broken and he wants approval to remove the damaged trees.
    1. Verify ownership of the easement for proper permission. Obtain a release as necessary.
    2. Mark the area of broken and damaged tree removal
    3. Contact Land Use Administrator 3 to 5 days prior to removal.
    4. Conduct tree cutting to stumps. Do not remove the stumps. Pile the trees for at least one habitat pile and remove or chip remainder of the debris.
    5. Contact Land Use Administrator once completed.
    6. Any ground disturbance may require additional approvals.
    7. Allow stumps to regrow for early successional growth.Motion to approve Baker, seconded Dyson, unanimous.
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
  - a. Review of written sections / remaining sections  
Discussed the need for rating factors for each parameter.  
Provide list of sections and assignments. Highlight what needs ratings.

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5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project - table
6. Old business
  - Capital Improvement Program: Updated the Commission.
7. Correspondence
  - Every Town has a Green
  - The Habitat, Fall 2011, CACIWC
  - Wildlands and Woodlands, A vision for the New England Landscape. Harvard Forest, Harvard University.
  - Highlands Regional Study: Connecticut and Pennsylvania 2010 Update
8. Review of Action Items
  - Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
  - Look at previous meeting assignments and send out to the group.
9. Adjournment .....8:10

Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 28, 2012

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