

# Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

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

<b>Regular Members</b>
Mark Austin, Chair '15
John Baker '15
Charles Dyson '15
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair '14
Jessica Lunan '13
Jordan Richards '16
<b>Alternates</b>

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**Draft Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**23 July 2013**

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT  
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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:05

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Lunan, Richards

Members absent: Dyson, Fuessenich

Public in attendance:

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2013; Motion to approve Baker, seconded by Lunan, unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project  
The Commission reviewed and discussed the format of project. Discussed the format of how the project should be worded. Regulations are often seen as complicated and more legal than use based. Richards as an attorney, his clients want certainty. Clarity would be most important. Hard and fast rules can be difficult to comply with and can result in difficult to comply with. Need some give and take. Not every situation will fit every guideline so there needs to be some flexibility for more creative solutions. Historic areas should be a focus. Examples, center of Milton, Litchfield Court House, Jailhouse and others. How do you regulate someone to spend money to preserve a resource?
5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project  
The Commission reviewed and discussed the project and the scope of the project. The Commission discussed briefly the importance of open space in town, ie White Memorial and others. Protection of water, best management practices, and protect views (vistas). Lake Tahoe is a good example. Historic resources are very important to the town.
6. Old Business – none
7. New Members – discussed the need for new members.
8. Correspondence: – none
9. Review of Action Items
  - Send by laws and project files to guests.
  - Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
  - Lake Tahoe land use regulations
10. Adjournment .....8:00

Next regularly scheduled meeting: August 27, 2013

*The Purpose of the Conservation Commission is to develop and conserve natural resources, to conduct research into the current utilization and future possible utilization of land areas of the town, and to keep an index of all open areas, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas.*