

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 '11 Clerk
Sherri Robson '12
John Baker '12

Alternates

Monet Meter '12
Charles Dyson '12

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

**26 July 2011**

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT  
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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:07

Members in attendance: Austin, Dyson, Meter, Onderdonk,
Members absent: Carley, Baker, Fuessenich, Keeney, Robson,
Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: Dyson and Meter appointed voting members
2. Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2011: Motion to approve Meter, seconded Onderdonk, Unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment – none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - a. Review of written sections / remaining sections
Discussed water resources consideration and encouraged further work for other sections for April.
 - Size (quality of size rather than mass/small parcel could be critical)..... Austin (critique from all)
 - Agricultural (cleared, open farmland, rural character) Austin (critique from all)
 - Natural State (unbuilt, undeveloped) meadow, field, woodlands mosaic..... Fuessenich
 - Water resources (potable, wetlands, streams/rivers, lakes, swamps, vernal pools) Meter
Meter went through the water company and municipal water companies.
Reviewed the public companies and the chances that the properties that may be disposed on. Class III lands can be sold to anyone. (no association with public drinking supply). Class I, closest to body of water. Only sold to limited resources. Cannot be sold or transfer to anyone else. Class II adjacent to class I and can be sold to anyone but must go through right of first refusal of the same resources for Class I. Sense of urgency for class II land.
Added rating sections.
Referenced Use needs, infrastructure, recreation, & educational.
 - Habitats (flora and fauna) Austin

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Removed contiguity portion in favor of other section.

(critique from all)

- Cultural (archaeological, historic)Onderdonk
Spent time at Community Center. Looked at cemeteries, will coordinate with Fuessenich. Did spend some time archaeological resources. Looked at the historical resources with Indian historical in Cornwall. Historical district and natural registry.
Need rating system and additional information
- Aesthetics (scenic/viewsheds/ridgelines, etc.) Meter
(critique from all).
- Contiguity to existing permanently preserved open space Dyson
Worked on section and provided a rating section of 50 points.
- Use needs Meter
Think future infrastructure needs of the town, buildings, fields, utilities, etc.
- Location Concerns Baker
Look at general considerations for some ideas to assist. Can be positive and negative
- Open Category
Leave open for public input if something comes up that not thought of
- Urgency..... Meter
- Subjectivity and Judgment.....

How will we know that a score is good/bad? No maximum but we may want to establish a minimum based on review of some existing properties when we get further in to the process.

- 5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
Working on cultural resources and is continuing to work on this section (Onderdonk)
- 6. New business – none
- 7. Correspondence – none
- 8. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
 - Send out acquisition project document for Commission
- 9. Adjournment7:50

Next regularly scheduled meeting: August 23, 2011

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