

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 28 June 2011

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, Meter, Onderdonk,

Members absent: Carley, Keeney, Robson,

Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: Dyson and Meter appointed voting members
2. Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2011: Motion to approve Baker, seconded Fuessenich, 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
Look at the agricultural lands section and create a rating system
Onderdonk reviewed an assessors records survey of Waterbury Water Company properties. (1054 acres) Aquarian owns +/- 42 acres
May want to look at the water company properties and what is the chain they must follow to sell.
 - Habitats (flora and fauna) Austin
(critique from all)
 - Cultural (archaeological, historic) Onderdonk
Need rating system and additional information
 - Aesthetics (scenic/viewsheds/ridgelines, etc.) Meter

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(critique from all).

- Contiguity to existing permanently preserved open space Dyson
- 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.....
- 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 Projecttabled
 - 6. New business
 - Missed meeting provision for volunteers?Fuessenich
 - 7. Correspondence
 - Connecticut Farmland Trust – Conservation Options for Connecticut Farmland
 - New England Forestry Foundation – Summer Update 2011
 - 8. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
 - Send out acquisition project document for Commission
 - 9. Adjournment7:54
- Next regularly scheduled meeting: July 26, 2011

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