

Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

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

Regular Members
Mark Austin, Chair '15
John Baker '15
Rachel Carley '13
Charles Dyson '15
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair '14
Ellen Keeney '13
Alternates



Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING 26 March 2013

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT



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

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Dyson, Fuessenich,

Members absent: Carley, Keeney

Public in attendance: Kathy Brown - Town Assessor, Derek Brown, Patrick McCarthy

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Moment of Silence for Ellen Keeney who passed away Thursday.
3. Approval of Minutes – February: Motion to approve Baker, seconded by Dyson, unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment: none
5. Litchfield Assessor – Open Space Presentation to P&Z
Presentation by the Town Assessor about the PowerPoint we reviewed last month. 81 properties with Open Space on Assessor’s data base. The open space is a tax break for not dividing the property within a certain time period. Right now it is any amount of property over the basic Zoning Requirements.

Planning and Zoning Regulations: Article 6, Section 9, Part 1

Suggested wording by the Town Assessor for tax purposes:

- All lots of record in the office of the Town Clerk, which have an area more than twice the minimum area required in the zone will be eligible to classify as Open Space, per applications by landowners and approvals by the Assessor.

Mrs. Brown will check with legal counsel if Part 1 and Part 4 may be in conflict.

Table decision to make a recommendation until more information comes in next month.

6. Open Space Acquisition Project – table
7. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project - table
8. Old Business - none
9. Election of officers:
Fuessinich nominates Austin, Baker seconds. Unanimous

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.

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Baker nominates Fuessinich, Dyson seconds, 3 pro, 1 nay, motion passes
Quorum and membership – discussed the need for new members. The potential member invited to the meeting did not attend.

10. Correspondence:

- The Habitat, Winter 2012, CAWIC newsletter
- Documents from Assessors office

11. Review of Action Items

- Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)

12. Adjournment8:14

Next regularly scheduled meeting: April 23, 2013