

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**  
**27 March 2012**

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, Dyson, Fuessenich, Onderdonk,

Members absent: Carley, Keeney, Meter, Robson,

Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: Dyson appointed voting member.
2. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2012: Motion to approve Baker, seconded Dyson, unanimous consent.
3. Public Comment: none
4. 207 Newton Rd - Curtiss – Consider Two lot subdivision (Subdivision Regulations Article III, Step 7.2)

Commissioner Austin was notified that the application was approved based on the family split portion of the subdivision regulations.

5. Open Space Acquisition Project

Copies of the existing project draft will be sent to the Commission.

6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project

Onderdonk did some research on stone walls. There are some interesting reports on stone walls for Litchfield. New Hartford and other towns do have regulations. The state has a law that stealing rocks from a wall is illegal. Washington has an ordinance about how the stone walls look.

7. New Business - none

8. Correspondence:

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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- Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program: The Commission feels that the award is an excellent program and that local groups should be recognized. In the spirit of our purpose, Onderdonk motioned that the Chair be authorized to sign a recommendation and/or nomination(s) for the award should the Envirothon team or the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society chose to compete for the award. Seconded by Dyson. 4 approved, Baker Abstained.

9. Review of Action Items

- Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
- Look at previous meeting assignments and send out to the group.
- Will hold elections next month for officers.

10. Adjournment8:11

Next regularly scheduled meeting: April 24, 2012