

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
Charles Dyson '15
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair '14
Jessica Lunan '16
Jordan Richards '16
Alternates

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**Draft Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**27 May 2014**  
7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:01

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

Members absent: Richards

Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2014; Motion to approve Baker seconded by Lunan, unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project

Baker is going to talk to Goshen on how they rate their open space.

Richards forwarded the Lake Tahoe files on their open space program. The file will be forwarded to the Commission members. It is an example of another community. Plan to talk about the Lake Tahoe guide next meeting and what applies and what does not. The Lake Tahoe report speaks to affordable housing, which may not be under our influence. This authority is reserved for Planning and Zoning.

A point of discussion, should we talk to other groups to create our study. Morris put out a study 4 to 5 years ago.

Baker forwarded the Goshen open space web link. Forward to the Commission again.

5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
Fuessenich and Lunan were going to talk to the Assessor about the inventory but with tax season starting, it is not a good time for the Assessor. Some research was discussed, Fuessenich and Lunan are working on an Open Space categories and lists.

The Lake Tahoe report talks about potential development of housing (page 29) using the current and future development rights. The report was published in 2012.

Fuessenich is speaking to a member of the CT DEEP about the levels of protection of open space as the Commission has previously discussed. The meeting has not occurred due to cross scheduling.

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6. Old Business – none
7. New Members – discussed the need for new members.
8. Correspondence – none
9. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for acquisition project.
 - Send out link for Lake Tahoe again and forward current drafts.
10. Adjournment7:46

Next regularly scheduled meeting: June 24, 2014

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