

Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

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

Regular Members

Mark Austin, Chair
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair
Clerk

Rachel Carley
John Baker
Ellen Keeney
Sherri Robson

Alternates

Monet Meter
Charles Dyson

Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING

27 November 2012

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:05

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Dyson, Fuessenich,
Members absent: Carley, Keeney, Meter, Onderdonk, Robson,
Public in attendance: Palmer Marrin

Moment of silence for Peter Onderdonk, clerk of the Commission who passed away October 25, 2012.

1. Appointment of Alternates: Charles Dyson appointed as a voting member
2. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2012: Motion to approve Baker, seconded by Dyson, unanimous approval.
3. 2013 Meeting Schedule: Motion to approve Baker, seconded by Dyson, unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment: none
5. Fern Road Subdivision: Consideration for Open Space

Palmer Marrin, 199 East Litchfield Road, applicant briefly reviewed the subdivision and the open space of the property. A letter was submitted a letter dated November 28, 2012 that the Land Trust intends to accept the Open Space property but could not because of a lack of quorum at their last

Austin questioned about the existing easements over the property. Marrin stated that no structures can be built over the property but the family has rights to mow, maintain and use it for recreation. The adjacent property assessors map 127-021-126-00A was deeded to the land trust about ten years ago fee simple. Assessors Lot 127-021-127 would be deeded fee simple to give them full rights. A fee of \$2,500 will be required with the gift to the trust of the parcel.

Ken Hrica was called for clarification of Buildable Land and how much would be required for the 10%. The majority of the rear of the 43 acres is wetlands soils.

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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The Commission reviewed the subdivision requirements for compliance with the open space portion of the subdivision regulations.

A motion was made by Baker to send a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the proposed open space suggested for the subdivision. The motion was seconded by Fuessenich. Unanimous vote of approval.

6. CT DEEP 2012-2018 Conservation and Development draft plan

Discussed the state POCAD and the process. State public comment period is over.

7. Open Space Acquisition Project - table

8. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project - table

9. New Business – none

- Quorum and membership

10. Correspondence:

- The Habitat, Fall 2012, CAWIC newsletter

11. Review of Action Items

- Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
- Letter to be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to the Fern Avenue subdivision.

12. Adjournment8:55

Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 22, 2013