

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	'13
Jordan Richards	'16
Alternates	

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**Draft Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**22 October 2013**  
7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:02

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

Members absent: Lunan,

Public in attendance: Attorney Robert A. D’Andrea

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2013; Motion to approve Baker, seconded by Dyson, unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Forman School - #54 Norfolk Road – Conservation Area

Attorney D’Andrea presented the proposal that was approved at the Planning and Zoning Meeting for the above referenced application. For additional protection for the neighbors, approximately 16.75 acres were put in conservation, a 150 ft frontage, northern property line and lower portion around the flood plain and adjacent to the land trust property. Steep area around the edge of the equestrian area. Use for passive recreation and for educational studies.

Baker motioned to endorse the conservation easement plan as presented and encourage the acceptance of the property by the Litchfield Land Trust. Dyson seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. Open Space Acquisition Project

Dyson found a definition of open space via New York. There are a number of kinds of open space. Maybe start with the New York definition and then further refine. Types, assessor’s definition. Conserved land (not developed within 10 years into future), protected land acreage with any form of restriction, temporary or permanent; Deed restricted land, recorded as protected in Litchfield Land Records for which the enforcement rights are less likely to be enforced than by a Trust. The NY definition would be the use of the space into the future allowing for areas to be reclaimed from development. Put these into an Appendix of definitions.

Discussed categories of protected open space that Fuessenich drafted. Is there a state definition so we can compare like properties.

6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project

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Fuessenich has been working on the economic resources and will provide copy to the Commission

7. Old Business – none
8. New Members – discussed the need for new members.
9. Correspondence:
 - Summer 2013 CAWIC newsletter
10. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for acquisition project.
11. Adjournment7:55

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 26, 2013

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