

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 '11 Clerk
Sherri Robson '12
John Baker '12

Alternates

Monet Meter '12
Charles Dyson '12

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## Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING 25 October 2011

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 – September 27, 2011: Motion to approve Baker, seconded Onderdonk, 4 votes approval, Fuessenich abstained.
3. Public Comment – none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project (considered concurrently)
 - a. Review of written sections / remaining sections
Onderdonk and Fuessenich spoke about the cemeteries that were in the historic register for both the acquisition project and the historic inventory.
Historical society has a list of stone walls, who made, different kinds, etc.
Town greens – website and publication – 3 in town
Carley has a 2006 project which inventories the very old farms in Litchfield that is filed with the historical society.
6. New business
 - Capital Improvement Program: motion Baker, seconded by Fuessenich to propose the same proposal as two years ago to the Capital improvement program. Mention in approval that moneys may be matched by a state grant up \$400,000 per acquisition.
 - Amendment proposed by Fuessenich, Onderdonk seconded, to guarantee that a matching state grant be obtained. Discussion and vote 2 pro 3 denied, motion failed.
 - Call vote on original motion, unanimous approval.

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7. Correspondence

- Northwest Conservation District – The Voice of Local Conservation Fall 2011
- CACIWC – Invitation to the 34th Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference
- Town of Litchfield Capital Improvement Program 2012/2013

8. Review of Action Items

- Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
- Chair to prepare proposal for the Capital Improvement Program prior to Nov 4th.

9. Adjournment8:30

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 22, 2011

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