

# Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

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

## Regular Members

Mark Austin, Chair  
John Baker  
Charles Dyson  
Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair  
Jessica Lunan  
Jordan Richards

## Alternates

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**Draft Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**23 September 2014**

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT  
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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:00

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

Members absent: none

Public in attendance: Bill and Carol Jones

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2014; Motion to approve Baker seconded by Dyson. unanimous approval with revision (date of approved minutes, July vs June).
3. Public Comment:

Carol Jones, 296 Newton Road, asked about a program she was involved with in PA, “Adopt a Road” to consider as a way to clean up litter on the side of the road. She has noticed on Marsh Road and Newton Road that there is trash on the side of the roads. Litchfield does not have a formal program that the Commission is aware. The Jones’ provided a copy of the PENN DOT program. CT DOT does have a formal program but limited to State roads. Litchfield Public Works would be in charge of the local roads. The Litchfield Garden Club may be interested.

4. Open Space Acquisition Project

Goshen Conservation has an open space acquisition program funded by fee-in-lieu, penalties for 490 Funds, and Conveyance Fees. The Washington plan only devotes two pages to criteria. Most of the plan is based on where they are and where they want to achieve.

### Litchfield Open Space

- Protected open space in all categories (except PA 490) .....23.3%
- PA 490 .....43.7%
- Total town acreage (approximate) .....36,400 ac
- Only 5% is fully permanently protected .....1,834 ac
- State of Connecticut, White Memorial and City of Waterbury are three of the owners which appear to be protected but can be sold. White Memorial has recently sold properties (and bought property also).

5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project

Goshen has a similar plan but in many small parts.

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6. Old Business – none
7. New Members – discussed the need for new members.
8. New Business
9. Correspondence
  - CIPWG Invasive Plant Symposium: October 7, 2014. If anyone is interested contact our Land Use Administrator to see if there is an education monies available.
  - River Clean Up – Republican American Article, Sunday September 21, 2014 and suggestion forwarded to the Commission
  - Connecticut Land Conservation Council – membership application
  - Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions Inc. – Membership renewal letter. Look into and bring up next month.
10. Review of Action Items
  - Continuation of sections for acquisition project.
11. Adjournment .....8:10

Next regularly scheduled meeting: October 28, 2014

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