

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

27 September 2011

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:04

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Dyson, Meter, Onderdonk,

Members absent: Carley, Fuessenich, Keeney, Robson,

Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: Dyson and Meter appointed voting members
2. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2011: Motion to approve as corrected Dyson, seconded Onderdonk, Unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment – none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - a. Review of written sections / remaining sections
Discussed water resources consideration and encouraged further work for other sections for October.
 - Size (quality of size rather than mass/small parcel could be critical)..... Austin
(critique from all)
 - Agricultural (cleared, open farmland, rural character) Austin
(critique from all)
 - Natural State (unbuilt, undeveloped) meadow, field, woodlands mosaic..... Fuessenich
 - Water resources (potable, wetlands, streams/rivers, lakes, swamps, vernal pools) Meter
Need to add references for future users to gather the most up to date information.
 - Habitats (flora and fauna) Austin
 - Cultural (archaeological, historic) Onderdonk
Onderdonk did some research on National Registry of Historical Places. There are many in Litchfield. National Park Service has authority over these locations. Pdf's are available on the majority of the sites. Links will be sent over to be added to the document.
 - Aesthetics (scenic/view sheds/ridgelines, etc.) Meter
(critique from all).
 - Contiguity to existing permanently preserved open space Dyson

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- Use needs Meter
- Location Concerns Baker
- Open Category
- Urgency..... Meter

Section added for Urgency.

- Subjectivity and Judgment.....
Add a group of factors that may reduce points due to environmental, maintenance or other concerns.

5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project – tabled

6. New business – none

7. Correspondence – none

8. Review of Action Items

- Continuation of sections for acquisition project (list of assignments)
- Send out acquisition project document for Commission

9. Adjournment7:40

Next regularly scheduled meeting: October 25, 2011

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