

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**

**28 January 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: n/a

Public in attendance: none

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – November 26, 2013; Motion to approve as amended via date at the bottom Baker, seconded by Dyson, unanimous approval.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Budget
The chair will check with Land Use about capital budget.
5. Open Space Acquisition Project

Fuessenich brought in an article from the Republican American from January 6, 2014 about Kent looking at a way to set up a land use acquisition fund. Discussion about taking the penalty money when Public Act 490 tax. Will have to check with the Assessor's Office to see if this is a possibility and how much money would it generate. An ordinance change may be required. Fuessenich and Lunan will research about the database David Thomas prepared for the 490 inventory.

Fuessenich contacted the land use administrator of Woodbury and they had a successful program purchasing property for the town from matching grants and two recent subdivisions. Fee in lieu is a good program for funding.

Richards reviewed the Lake Tahoe guidelines for evaluating property. There are some summaries for each principal. The documents are relatively detailed and written for the common applicant. He will gather some information and provide it to the commission.

6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
Fuessenich has been working on the economic resources. Fuessenich discussed a preliminary list. A very preliminary categorical list was discussed. Notable stones and stone structures outline was proposed.
7. Old Business – none
8. New Members – discussed the need for new members.

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9. Correspondence:
 - Connecticut Federation of Lakes – public outreach promotional flyers
10. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for acquisition project.
 - The chair will put forward a CIP request when the program becomes available.
11. Adjournment8:23

Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 25, 2014

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