

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 John Cox Cleve Fuessenich, Vice Chair Jordan Richards Diane Stoner Alternates
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## Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING 25 April 2017

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:10

Members in attendance: Austin, Cox, Fuessenich, Richards (7:19), Stoner

Members absent: Baker,

Public in attendance:

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2017. Motion to approve by Cox, seconded by Fuessenich, unanimous approval
3. Public Comment: none
4. Plan of Conservation and Development:
 - The Commission was notified that the draft has been released for comment. It can be found on the Town’s webpage.
 - The Public Hearing is Monday May 1st as published in the Republican American.
 - Discussion about population decline. The economic downturn has benefited the Town because there has not been the pressure to develop.
5. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - Discussed the method of writing, be it regulations or commentary. Also discussed the way land use boards can encumber land. Only P&Z may encumber.
 - What are the guidelines to be adhered? What is the basis of a reason for preservation? Significant farmland, historical preservation, aesthetics, watershed protection, etc. More complicated or simple to make it useful. All agree individual on each piece of property.
 - Should be written in one voice so there are not different spins. Be clean and concise with minimal jargon.
6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
 - The inventory of open space will be important to the acquisition project.
7. Old Business: none
8. New Members – Members are asking others.
9. New Business – none
10. Correspondence – none
11. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for projects.
 - The chair will send the current document out to the group.
12. Adjournment7:58 p

Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 23, 2017

The Purpose of the Conservation Commission is to develop and conserve natural resources, to conduct research into the current utilization and future possible utilization of land areas of the town, and to keep an index of all open areas, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas.