

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

27 March 2018

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, Baker, Fuessenich, Richards Stoner

Members absent: Cox,

Public in attendance: Alex Larsson

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – November 2017. Motion to approve by Baker, seconded by Stoner, unanimous approval
3. Public Comment: none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - Users definition: Look back at minutes or documents (October 24, 2017 minutes)
 - Common resident looking to protect land without much technical background
 - Technical professionals using the definitions to define a specific space
 - How to revise:
 - Revise the sections to provide more detail to come to the level of explanation of other sections.
 - Create an executive summary on the first page or two to explain the document. Mostly there now but needs some work.
 - Create a simple listing section which is inclusive of all the most important factors within a section. Make as a worksheet. (some from previous disussion.)
 - Cox – cultural and historical
 - Austin – Agriculture
 - Fuessenich – Aesthetic Considerations and Contiguity
 - Baker – Natural state
 - Looking at other towns
 - Existing useable
 - Definition of natural state: discussion of how much disturbance and what time frame. Nothing man made, with the exception of stone walls. Apparent absence of man made structures.
 - Richards – Water resources
 - Add the ratings to each section with details for explanation. Consider up to page three as summary. Size considerations is the start of the worksheet.
5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project - tabled
6. Election of officers:
 - Chair: Mark Austin,
 - Vice Chair: Jordan Richards

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- Motioned by Baker, seconded by Stoner, unanimous.
7. Old Business:
 - Trail along the Naugatuck River – Significant discussion at Council of Governments, each municipality is responsible for “their portion.” Next meeting in May.
 8. New Members – Members are asking others. Larsson came to attend our meeting to view the meeting in hopes of an appointment.
 9. New Business – none
 10. Correspondence – none
 11. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for projects.
 12. Adjournment8:16 p
- Next regularly scheduled meeting: April 24, 2018

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