

Conservation Commission of the Town of Litchfield

Land Use Office, 80 Doyle Road,

PO Box 12, Bantam, CT 06750

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2025

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cleveland Fuessenich, Barbara Putnam,
Marcia Fowler, Jordan Richards, Diane Stoner and Chester Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Austin, John Cox

Call to order: Barbara Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:02

Appointment of alternates: Appointment of Chester Reed to a regular seat

Approval of September 2025 minutes Diane Stoner made motion to approve
September minutes, Marcia Fowler seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Open Space Acquisition Project

Discuss open space plan

Commissioner Stoner stated that she had made contact with
Sustainable Litchfield concerning Open Space.

Discuss financing options for open space

Commissioner Putnam said she will ask Spencer whether he has
made contact the town attorney regarding the Open Space policy,
and what non-acquisition costs can be funded by the Open Space
Acquisition Fund.

Review website: No action

New Business:

Review Open Space documents from P&Z and Subdivision regs and the
POCAD Commissioner Putnam commented on the town subdivision
planning in particular Section 7 of the Subdivision Regulations.

Commissioner Reed presented information from the town's POCAD concerning Open Space and Land Use. Commissioner Putnam remarked that we need to get familiar with the town's open space provisions in the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, as well as the current POCAD; she will send links to the POCAD, Open Space Policy and the Zoning and Subdivision regulations.

There was discussion about the difference between preserved open space and undeveloped land. Commissioner Fowler will ask Stacey Deming of the Housatonic Valley Association for the percentages of protected and unprotected Open Space in Litchfield. (White Memorial Foundation land is undeveloped, but not protected. The Foundation has given away or sold land to the Community Center, State Police Barracks and the Lakeview High School.)

Enforcement of Conservation easements: We need a list of the land we own easements on.

Correspondence: CACIWC Conference Nov 15, 2025; Commissioners Reed and Putnam will attend

New members – there were not suggestions regarding filling the vacant alternate seat.

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.