

LITCHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026

Members Present: Barbara Putnam, chair, Diane Stoner, vice chair, Marcia Fowler, Chester Reed.

Members Absent: Mark Austin, Clerk, Cleve Fuessenich, Jordan Richards

Call to Order

Barbara Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and appointed Diane as clerk pro tem.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes was tabled until June. Members had not received a copy prior to the meeting.

Open Space Plan: Barbara will circulate the current draft of the open space plan for the committee to review and discuss at our next meeting. Marcia will share the CLCC's outline for creating an open space plan. : The Town of Litchfield is required to produce a revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCAD) by 2027. We would like our Open Space plan to be included in the plan.

Motion

Motion made by Diane Stoner and seconded by Marcia Fowler to request that the Town include the Commission's Open Space Plan in the upcoming POCAD. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Putnam will speak with Carol Bramley and the new land use administrator regarding the inclusion.

Event planning on Riparian Zones:

A presentation on Riparian information is scheduled for September 30 at 7:00 PM at the Litchfield Community Center. Marcia will continue to attempt to contact Alicia Charamut of the Housatonic Valley Association about her availability.

Enforcement: All agreed that this is properly done by staff. If we lack adequate staff, then we need to address that in the budget cycle. Barbara will meet with the Land Use administrator about his job description and what he can do about enforcement of conservations easements owned by the town.

Members: Discussion was held regarding having a member of Sustainable Litchfield serve on this Commission. Barbara Putnam will investigate.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Stoner, Secretary Pro Tem