

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
Alex Larsson
Jordan Richards, Vice Chair
Diane Stoner
Alternates

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## Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING

26 March 2019

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:02

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Cox, Fuessenich, Larsson, Richards, Stoner,

Members absent:

Public in attendance:

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2019. Motion to approve by Baker, seconded by Stoner, unanimous approval
3. Public Comment: none
4. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - Discussion about threats to open space.
 - Still in progress. Others are still working on their sections.
5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
 - Discussed trails and status of new trails. A public informational meeting is being scheduled on March 7th at the Litchfield Community Center about 40 people attended. (Feb 28th in Town Hall Thomaston, March 6th in the Harwinton Town Hall). Presentation at 6 pm for all locations. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Run by the NVCOG and NWHCOG. American motorcycle association came from DC to protest. East Litchfield and at Thomaston Dam are being protested. Normal meetings are quarterly.
 - Scenic Road map is hanging in the meeting room. How does the public have access to this map? It should be on the Town website.
6. Old Business: none
7. New Members – Members are asking others. Do need alternates.
8. New Business
 - “Green or Conservation Groups meeting” Either 5 pm or 6 p.m. Litchfield Community Center: March 29, 2019 – Green and conservation groups are giving a presentation about who they are.
 - Formation of Friends of Topsmead. Formed a 501.c.3 to protect the property. Rumor that the State of Connecticut wants to sell the
9. Correspondence – none
10. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for projects.
 - Send current drafts to the commission members
11. Adjournment7:35 p

Next regularly scheduled meeting: April, 23, 2019

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.