

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

Jordan Richards, Vice Chair

Diane Stoner

Alternates

Karen Terhaar

Draft Minutes REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2020

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

Special Electronic Meeting Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Executive Order 7B¹

THIS MEETING WILL BE A 100% ELECTRONIC MEETING

Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda

7:04

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Cox, Fuessenich, Richards, Stoner, Terhaar (7:09)

Members absent:

Public in attendance:

1. Appointment of Alternates: n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – Baker moved, Fuessenich seconded, unanimous
3. Public Comment: none
4. Declaratory Ruling – SR Litchfield LLC
 - If the project does not come to fruition, they would need to restore the property to its original condition.
 - Suggest that a bond be posted prior to construction to cover the cost of remediation if the project wasn't completed.
 - Discussion on if the Commission has enough information to make a ruling. Very basic request. The project is 212 acres.
 - Motion by Cox and seconded by Stoner, that the Commission does not feel it has enough information and that we are requesting the applicant to come to the Commission to provide more information. Unanimous.
5. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - No new information.
6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project
 - Town Green Design Committee: has not met due to the pandemic.
 - Naugatuck Greenway Path project update: no new information.
 - Letter from the First Selectman's Office:
 - i. We did do some collections of information. The original GIS information had a layer of farms. May have some information. What is the definition of a working farm? We do not have a current list.
7. Old Business: none
8. New Members – need alternates. Ms. Terhaar is interested in joining. Cox motioned to recommend Terhaar to become a full member, Baker seconded, (Terhaar, non voting)
9. New Business: none
10. Correspondence:
 - Letter from First Selectman
11. Review of Action Items

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- Continuation of sections for projects.

12. Adjournment

7:41 p

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 23, 2021

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