

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
Barbara Putnam
Jordan Richards, Vice Chair
Diane Stoner
Alternates

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**Draft Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 23, 2023**

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT  
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- Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:03
Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Cox, Putnam, Richards, Stoner, Spencer Mussleman
Members absent: Fuessenich,
Public in attendance: Keetu Winter, Dean Birdsall
1. Appointment of Alternates: none
 2. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2023 – Baker motioned to approve, Richards seconded, unanimous.
 3. Public Comment – Ms. Winters was excited to see the collaboration and the outreach of our event and may be interested in membership on the Commission.
 4. Election of Officers:
 - Chairman – Baker nominated by Austin, seconded by Richards, unanimous,
 - Vice Chair – Cox nominated by Richards, seconded by Baker, 5 favor 1 nay (Richards),
 - Secretary – Baker nominated by Putnam, seconded by Stoner, unanimous
 5. Open Space Acquisition Project
 - Putnam updated the old document with current PoCAD document
 - Discussed Open space mapping with Land Trust and what is protected and what is desirable such as forest protection
 - Discussed what we can do as a mechanism to acquire property and open space funding.
 - Austin made a motion to seek internal opinion up to a quote for legal advice to obtain an opinion, on the spending mechanism of the Open Space Fund (Ord. Section 11-242) and the Litchfield Purchasing Requirements. Putnam seconded. Unanimous.
 6. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project – no new information
 7. Old Business: none
 8. New Business – none
 9. New Members – none present
 10. Correspondence:
 11. Review of Action Items
 - Continuation of sections for projects.
 12. Adjournment8:43 p

Next regularly scheduled meeting: June 27, 2023

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.