

# 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, secretary

Jordan Richards, Vice Chair

Diane Stoner

## Alternates

Marcia Fowler

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## Draft Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING

October 24, 2023

7 PM, Bantam Town Hall Annex, Bantam, CT

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Call to order, roll call, changes to agenda.....7:10

Members in attendance: Austin, Baker, Spencer Mussleman, Stoner,

Members absent: Cox, Fuessenich, Putnam, Richards, Marsha Fowler,

Public in attendance:

1. Appointment of Alternates: none
2. Approval of Minutes of September 26 2023 – Baker motioned to approve, Stoner seconded, unanimous.
3. Public Comment – no comment.
4. Correspondence – CTDEEP Forest Management Plan

- Mussleman summarized the request from the CTDEEP
- Question of what they were going to do with the slash. Using existing logging roads. What time of year?
- Mussleman will send comments.

#### Open Space Acquisition Project

- Musselman is following up on the request to the Town Attorney about the opinion on the spending mechanism of the Open Space Fund (Ord. Section 11-242) and the Litchfield Purchasing Requirements. The fund has around \$21,000.
- Document that can be used for the website for options.
  - i. Litchfield Land trust and Litchfield Hills Audubon should be added to the list.
  - ii. Typo with 2 I's

#### 5. Natural and Community Resource Inventory Project

- List of Town Owned Conservation: A list was provided to Mussleman for consideration and inspection. There appear to be 20 up from our initial assumption of 13 properties. Question, is there a way to undo the properties? Maybe look at the properties and make recommendations. A Town Meeting would be necessary to undo the properties.
- Mussleman pulled the details of the open space. He will conduct inspections on the properties. Will use the monitoring report forms. Plan on 4 per month and do all of them in five months.
- Asked for Mussleman to evaluate the property ownership and are they worth keeping.

#### 6. Old Business: none

#### 7. New Business –

#### 8. New Members – none present

*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.*

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- 9. Correspondence:
- 10. Review of Action Items
  - Continuation of sections for projects.
- 11. Adjournment .....8:06 p

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 28, 2023