



## Town of Burlington

### Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burlington Conservation Commission January 21, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by John Hebert, chairman. In attendance were Jackie Shadford, Richard Miller, Paul Rochford, Ricki Hellner, Jamie Gordon.
2. Review/Acceptance of November 2014 Minutes.
3. Citizen Comments: Dwight Harris & Barbara Dahle were in attendance and made comments throughout.
4. Right to Farm: The CC will recommend to the BOS and the P&Z Board that Burlington treat farming and agriculture as a right and defer to CGS 19a-341 and 1-19(q) for the regulatory process. We see no issue with residents having other people's livestock on their property as long as it complies with existing regulations. We think "riding academies" should be considered something outside of agriculture. Discussed and unanimously agreed to right a letter in support of *Right to Farm* to the BOS and P&Z.
5. Covey Road Parcel: No progress.
6. Taine Mountain Purchase: Update of the potential purchase and open space grant application. Letter was approved for BOS in support of a vote to allow a special town meeting vote, to spend the 300K as the town's part of the purchase.
7. Conservation Policy for Open Space: The CC will review the Burlington Land Trust Criteria for Accepting Open Space and discuss at the February meeting.
8. Adjourn

Paul Rochford