



Town of Burlington

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burlington Conservation Commission March 16 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by John Hebert, chairman. In attendance were Jackie Shadford, Paul Rochford, Richard Miller & Tom Finan.

1. **Minutes from January meeting** accepted.
2. **Citizen Comment.** Ted Shafer update CC board on the town purchase of the Johnnycake Farm for 1.675 million dollars and the plans to turn its 60 acres into an *active recreation* facility. The CC voted to approve the plan.
3. **Covey Road.** City of New Britain owns it and is calling the shots. They have a new mayor and it's slow going.
4. **Update on 105-acre Taine Mountain Purchase.** Closing should be in April.
5. **Conservation Policy** for open space acquisition deferred.
6. **Right to Farm Ordinance.** CC approves Farm Bureau model.
7. **Agricultural Commission.** While there is some support to form a separate entity, the CC will try to recruit someone with an agricultural background for our board.
8. **Town Conservation Funding.** The CC is on record encouraging 15K be set aside annually.
9. **Morris Property.** There are rumors of activity. We will reach out to Robert Morris to find out what their plans are and to encourage conservation.

Paul Rochford