

Burlington Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 - Burlington Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present: Tom Roberge, Tom Finan, Richard Miller, and John Hebert. Absent: Paul Rochford and Jackie Shadford.
2. Review/ Accept Minutes: Motion made by Miller, seconded by Finan to accept minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. Vote passed unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting.
3. Citizens Comments: Jon Crane (WPG) spoke about measures to enhance farming and indicated the Burlington Land Trust hiking events on Connecticut Trails Day were a success. Also, he is asking for further notification of Conservation Commission meetings which hold POCD informational sessions.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Covey Road Parcel Acquisition:

Contract negotiations between Burlington and the City of New Britain remain unchanged.
 - b. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farmers:

Due to local and state financial constraints, members agreed to delay discussions with BOF and BOS until early in 2019.
 - c. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility:

Finan reports the committee charged with putting the plan together is close to a final product.
 - d. Plan for Conservation and Development 2019:

The Board of Selectmen has asked P&Z and other Commissions who collaborate on the revision of the 2019 POCD to significantly reduce verbiage (number of pages drafted) while providing a visionary and quality plan for the future. Shadford supplied a partial rewrite which duplicated the meaning and intent of the text. While some members did not agree on format, there was consensus on text amendment procedure. Members are encouraged to bring their suggestions for text pages.
5. Sustainable CT: Burlington, in comparison to other towns within CT, is being discussed by BOS in regards to energy efficiency and other sustainable initiatives. This comparison is soon to be delegated to either CC or a separate commission dedicated to implementing this state sponsored program.
6. Other: Miller asked that we include in POCD 2019 the following: