

Burlington Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - Burlington Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
Present: Tom Finan, John Hebert, Rich Miller, Tom Roberge, and Jackie Shadford.
Absent: Paul Rochford
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Roberge) and passed unanimously to accept Special Meeting Minutes of Jan 16, 2019.
3. Citizen Comments: none
4. Election of Officers: Miller moved to nominate John Hebert as Chairman, Tom Roberge as Vice-Chairman and Jackie Shadford as Secretary for one year term.
Motion seconded by Tom Finan and vote approved unanimous.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: Hebert and Roberge researched other towns and spoke with town assessors about adopted program. Shadford agreed to follow up with Burlington Land Trust and Whigville Preservation and ask for their support of proposed ordinance in-order to promote economic and environmental sustainability of local farms and potential new farmers.
 - b. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility: Finan reports design committee is still working on Phase 1. Park & Rec liaison Twomey will notify Finan of next scheduled meeting.
 - c. Plan for Conservation & Development 2019: Commission members attended P & Z introduction meeting on March 14th and members discussed community issues and concerns with Glen Chalder of Planimetrics who has been hired by the town to produce 2020 POCD document.
 - d. Proposed legislation-Establishing Local Option for Land Conservation and Stewardship Funding. Finan reports it is dead in State Legislature.
 - e. MDC Clearbook Acquisition: Shadford reported that the Board of Selectmen has contacted State Representative John Piscopo who is working on issue of legality of ownership and access.

6. New Business:

- a. City of Bristol Deep Grant Acquisition 35.6 acres Barnes Nature Center.
Chairman Hebert wrote a letter of recommendation for support of grant.
- b. Tonn's Farm: Chairman Hebert sent letter of support for grant to help new farm stand.
- c. CLCC Symposium March 23rd will be attended by Tom Finan.

7. Other: none

8. Adjourn: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Finan) and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:36 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary