

Burlington Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - Burlington Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert at 7:00 pm. Present: Tom Finan, John Hebert, Rich Miller, Tom Roberge, and Jackie Shadford.
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Finan) and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019.
3. Citizen Comments: None
4. Communications: Hebert passed around information from CT Audubon Society.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: Study in process.
 - b. Johnnycake Mountain Park Recreation Facility: Finan reports no planning meeting has been scheduled. No information from JCMP Committee has been posted on town web-site since May 2018. Finan will speak to First Selectman for status update.
 - c. POCD: Planimetrics has posted First Draft of Document on town web-site. In reviewing document, CC members become aware of Class III watershed property owned by water companies which could be sold in the future as they are not protected the same as Class I and Class II property. Discussion concerned ways to increase the amount of money in Open Space Fund if and when the property becomes available. The current \$15,000 Town Budget sinking fund would be inadequate for that purpose.
 - d. MDC Clearbook Acquisition: Currently no information on standing.
 - e. City of Bristol Deep Grant Acquisition 35.6 acres Barnes Nature Center: All parties moving forward with acquisition.
 - f. Sustainability: The CC members intend to be more active in submitting educational articles on town web-site on how to be a more sustainable community. Other ideas include organizing lectures and workshops.
6. New Business:
 - a. Farmington River & Salmon Brook "Wild & Scenic" designation: The lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook have been given a wild and scenic designation by the U.S. National Park Service.
7. Other: none

8. Adjourn: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Roberge) and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary