



Town of Burlington

Minutes of Meeting of the Burlington Conservation Commission Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm by John Hebert, chairman. In attendance were Jackie Shadford, Richard Miller, Jamie Gordon, Jonathan Schwartz & John Hebert.
2. Review/Accept Minutes of June 17, 2015 Meeting. Motion by Richard Miller, Second by Jackie, vote unanimous.
3. Citizen Comments.
4. New Business
 - a. Funding for Conservation: Will ask the Selectmen to include \$100 in the next year's budget for the use of the CC. Motion by Richard Miller, second by Jamie Gordon. Vote was unanimous. Motion by Richard Miller to request that the Selectmen add \$15,000 to put into a sinking fund for the future acquisition of open space. Second Jamie Gordon. Vote was unanimous. Chairman will submit the request in writing to the appropriate board.
5. Old Business
 - a. Covey Road Parcel Acquisition. No progress noted.
 - b. Taine Mountain Road Parcel Acquisition. State has released funds. Negotiations with the owners are ongoing.
 - c. Conservation Policy for Open Space Acquisitions. Waiting for Paul Rochford's input on modifying the documents of the Burlington Land Trust for our purposes.
 - d. Farm Regulations and/or Right to Farm Ordinance. Motion by Jackie Shadford that the Commission submit a draft of a Right To Farm ordinance to the Ordinance Commission with supporting information and request that the Ordinance Commission act favorably on it. Second by Jonathan Schwartz. Vote was unanimous.
 - e. Conservation Commission Website. The Commission will not continue with this project. Public information will be submitted to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the Town web site.
 - f. Encourage Board of Selectmen to Establish a Town Agricultural Commission or Advisory Board in Partnership with the Conservation Commission. This will be brought before the Ordinance Committee.
 - g. Preserving Farmland and Open Space Legacy. John Hebert will investigate.
 - h. Other Conservation Commission Agenda Items that may come before us.
 1. Consideration of whether the Commission can assist in the preservation of the Whigville Grange and surrounding land.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Jonathan Schwartz, Acting Secretary