

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burlington Conservation Commission
November 16, 2016

Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert called Meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Members present: Tom Finan, Richard Miller, Tom Roberge and Jackie Shadford. Not Present: Gary Milliger and Paul Rochford.

Review/Accept Minutes of October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected (Miller/Finan) 5 – 0.

Citizen Comment: None

New Business:

- a. Chairman John Hebert will submit CC Budget for 2017 Town Budget to the Board of Finance. The amount will stay the same as the previous year.
- b. John Hebert toured the successful completion of Brycorp Development of Clearwater Creek Phase 1 subdivision. Nearly 40% of the project has been dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and open space constructed with innovative, environmentally sensitive features such as bio-swales and rain gardens to enhance groundwater recharge.
- c. Kenneth “Jaime” Gordon has officially resigned from the Board. The board acknowledged his contribution and he will be greatly missed.

Old Business:

- a. **Covey Road Parcel Acquisition:** Will continue to monitor any progress between the Town of Burlington and the Town of New Britain.
- b. **Right to Farm Ordinance:** Will continue to monitor progress between Ordinance Committee and Board of Selectman.
- c. **Building for the Future of Burlington by Preserving Farmland and Open Space:** Discussion concerning Municipal and State tax options available for large parcel landowners not engaged in farming and preserved in their natural state.
- d. **Municipal option tax reduction programs for CT Farmers.** By next meeting each member will research other towns that have adopted enabling tax policies for agriculture.

Other:

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council Annual Spring Conference will be held March 18, 2017 at Wesleyan College, Middletown, CT.

Adjournment: At 8:30 pm, a motion was made and accepted to adjourn (Miller/Roberge).

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford substituting for Secretary, Paul Rochford