

**Burlington Conservation Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - Burlington Town Hall**

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
Present: Tom Finan, John Hebert, Rich Miller, Tom Roberge, and Jackie Shadford.  
Absent: Paul Rochford
2. Communications - none relevant to meeting
3. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Finan) and passed unanimously to accept Special Meeting Minutes of Dec. 11, 2018.
4. Citizen Comments: None
5. New Business:
  - a. Shadford passed handout of 2019 meeting schedule. CC will meet the third Wednesday of the month except for July and August.
  - b. Finan attended meeting in Simsbury about proposed CT legislation that would provide certain towns the option to establish funding to acquire certain parcels of open space by including a conveyance fee by buyers of real estate. The CC agreed to table the discussion and gather more information on subject.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: Hebert attended a Board Meeting with The Burlington Land Trust in-order to receive their input on proposed ordinance. Hebert received a current list of towns from the CT Farm Bureau who already provide this program to farmers. Thirty-one (31) towns provide an additional \$100,000 exemption on farm buildings and twenty-four (24) towns on livestock and equipment. Hebert and Roberge will do more research on specific communities and report back to CC.
  - b. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility: Finan reports no change. He will contact Parks & Rec for future meeting schedule.
  - c. Plan for Conservation & Development 2019: Commission members worked on ideas to improve draft document including identifying future wild-life corridors in different areas of town. Members were encouraged to keep working on document for next meeting.

- d. Next PZC POCD Listening Session is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th.  
Local Boards and Commissions are invited to attend.

7. Other: None

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary