

**Burlington Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - Burlington Town Hall**

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert at 7:03 pm. Present: Tom Finan John Hebert, Richard Miller Tom Roberge, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: Mitchel Kvedar
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of Nov 20, 2019. (Miller/Finan)
3. Citizen Comments: None
4. Communications: Chairman Hebert requested 2020-21 Town Budget of \$100 for proposed CC expenditures. An example of the request could be used for educational conferences of its members or fees associated for public education.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: Wilhelm and Finan presented a new letter with the proposal to the Board of Selectman Meeting on Dec 10, 2019. The BOS will consider proposal and discuss with BOF.
  - b. Johnnycake Mountain Park Recreation Facility: Awaiting Town posted Minutes of JMPR Committee scheduled meeting of June 25, 2019. CC has requested to be notified of said meetings. BOS Minutes indicate Master Plan nearing completion and anticipate Phase 1 bid documents will be ready Jan/Feb 2020, breaking ground Spring 2020 and final project to be completed Summer of 2020.
  - c. POCD: Open Space Fund - Discussion concerning proposed 2020-21 Proposed Town Budget. Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to send a letter to BOS/BOF to change the previous amount voted by CC and appropriate funds for Open Space/Land Acquisition of \$20,000 which includes a \$5,000 from the past shortfall of previous year 2019-20 Budget of \$10,000 (original request of \$15,000) into a sinking fund. (Miller/Hebert)

PZC Meeting Dec.12, 2019 review of new draft document: Discussion tabled until 2020 to prioritize suggestions concerning action steps and task to implement .
  - d. MDC Clearbook Acquisition: No new business.
  - e. City of Bristol Deep Grant Acquisition 35.6 acres Barnes Nature Center: All parties moving forward with acquisition. P&Z received application 12-12-2019 to remove existing stockpiles, utilize material on site and spread

seed to restore the site. The site includes 6.8 acres in Burlington and the access will be through Shrub Rd in Bristol.

- f. Sustainability: Website: Wilhelm will continue to monitor.
  - g. Letter to BOS/BOF Town Budget Land Acquisition Fund: business taken care of in c.
6. New Business: Finan suggested we host an event and invite the forester of the timber harvest at Nassahegan State Forest to give a public talk on the States objectives to regenerate the forest and create wildlife habitat and enhance bird species.
7. Other:  
Farm Energy Workshop: January 23, 2020, 2 pm, 843 University Dr, Torrington, CT.  
Connecticut Land Conservation Council Annual Conference: March 21, 2020. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
8. Adjourn: Motion made (Miller), seconded (Roberge) and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January, 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary