



**LEBANON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers, City Hall
Thursday, October 10, 2019
7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Documents:

[Concom_Item 2_9.12.19 Mins.pdf](#)

3. PERMIT REVIEW:

No submissions this month.

4. NON PUBLIC SESSION:

The Lebanon Conservation Commission will convene in a non-public session under the terms RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property.

5. STUDY ITEMS:

A. Master Plan Action Item Reporting

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Conservation Lands Monitors (**Various Members**)
- B. Lebanon Biodiversity Group (**D. Lacey**)
- C. Workshops & Educational Opportunities (**Various Members**)

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioners are welcome to contribute additional agenda items at least one week before the meeting.

9. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

10. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda items are subject to presentation out of order due to removal of items or change in agenda sequence.

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**AGENDA ITEM #2
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernst Oidtmann (Chair), Sarah Riley, Erling Heistad, Donald Lacey, Suellen Balestra (Alt.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Almy

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

GUESTS: Darla Bruno and Bruce James (Potential Commission Members)

- 1 **1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Oidtmann called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.**
2 • Chair Oidtmann appointed Ms. Suellen Balestra as a regular Commission member for tonight’s
3 meeting in the absence of Ms. Susan Almy.
4 • The Commission welcomed two prospective members to the Commission: Ms. Darla Bruno and
5 Mr. Bruce James.
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7 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2019**
8 Amendments: Page 1, line 34: “but include a curb and” to “with no curb but will include”; Page 2, line
9 10: change “Corps” to “Army Corps of Engineers; Page 2, line 47: change “Brooks” to “Goodwin”
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11 *Mr. Erling Heistad MOVED to approve the July 11, 2019 Minutes as amended and presented in the*
12 *September 12, 2019 agenda packet. Seconded by Mr. Donald Lacey.*
13 ** The Vote on the MOTION passed (4-0). Ms. Suellen Balestra abstained because she was not*
14 *present at this meeting.*
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16 **3. PERMIT REVIEW: None**
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18 **4. STUDY ITEMS:**
19 For the benefit of Ms. Bruno and Mr. James, and before continuing with the Study Items as listed below,
20 Mr. Goodwin gave an overview of what the Conservation Commission does and described the key
21 categories, responsibilities, and topics that are reviewed and discussed during meetings, noting that permit
22 reviews are one of the core tasks: 90% of which are wetland permit reviews. He also explained the
23 topics on the agenda, reviewed potential future Commission projects (e.g. Trails Committee, Amphibian
24 Crossing, and invasive species, and exploring investment of the Conservation Commission Lost Funds),
25 and the budget and financial resources of the Committee. Chair Oidtmann noted that the Commission
26 serves as an Advisory Board.
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28 The Commission also discussed their relationship and interactions with the Upper Valley Land Trust.
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30 **A. SCIMP Reporting (Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Master Plan):**
31 Ms. Riley reminded the Commission that back in the spring, they were tasked with providing updates on
32 Chapter 5 (Natural Resources Chapter) of the City’s Master Plan. She created a spread sheet and this was
33 last discussed at the April meeting, when she was not in attendance. Now is the time to start looking at it

1 again so the Commission can get this information out regarding their Actions and Strategies, which is to
2 be done annually. She has not done any work on this since April, but will be meeting with either Mr.
3 Goodwin or Ms. Rebecca Owens and suggested a couple Commission members might want to have a role
4 in seeing what the Commission will be reporting on. She will share the link to her spread sheet again
5 with the Commission for their review and comments.
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7 Mr. Goodwin reviewed what SCIMP is tasked to do with the Commission.
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9 **B. Update on Landowner Outreach Letter:**

10 Mr. Goodwin reported on the following, noting there has not been a large response:

- 11 • 150 letters were sent out to landowners. He created a spread sheet for tracking who the letters
12 were sent to and reported on the responses received as follows:
 - 13 ○ 4 letters came back with invalid addresses.
 - 14 ○ 4/5 phone calls were received asking for clarification on this conservation opportunity.
 - 15 ○ A farm responded back and said they were already encumbered with an agriculture
16 easement.
- 17 • The criteria used for distribution of the letters was described and copies of the Landowner
18 Outreach Letter were distributed to the Commission.
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20 Ms. Riley suggested this initiative be posted on the City's web site in order to share information about
21 conservation easements, protecting land, and to provide a couple of links that would take residents to the
22 Upper Valley Land Trust. The City's newsletter would also be a good resource to use for distribution of
23 this information.
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25 **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

26 **A. Conservation Lands Monitors (Various Members):**

27 Ms. Balestra noted the Signal Hill trails seem to be in good shape, but a big tree needs to be removed
28 from the parking lot. There were no ticks, but lots of butterflies and monarchs.
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30 The Commission and Mr. Goodwin discussed mowing plans for City-owned land.
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32 Chair Oidtmann reported on Farnum Hill and noted that someone was cleaning the trails with a leaf
33 blower. This has now been terminated.
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35 Ms. Riley walked the Atlanta Cole Trail and picked up minor amounts of trash. The Two Rivers
36 Conservation area behind K-Mart has been in the social media news (Facebook) and informed the
37 Commission what folks were talking about.
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39 **B. Lebanon Biodiversity Group (D. Lacey):**

40 Mr. Lacey received his special permits for herbicide applications on Mill Road and Bakers Crossing. He
41 has done follow-up on the re-sprouts of Japanese Knotweed on Bakers Crossing. There is another
42 Japanese Knotweed patch on the Mill parcel on the River. This year he has been doing a wet glove
43 treatment for the smaller plants and explained this process to the Commission. He has also done some
44 woody plants (i.e., Barberry and Glossy Buckthorn) and will do more as the weather gets colder.
45 The Commission discussed the use of goats by the City, Purple Loosestrife, beetles, and the Hairy
46 Willow-Herb.
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1 Ms. Riley informed the Commission that Jumping Worms have been spotted in Lebanon. These worms
2 are a very aggressive, invasive, and damaging nightcrawler that can damage/destroy the eco-forest
3 system. She described what the Jumping Worms look like and he suggested that people do not share
4 plants, mulch, and topsoil if these worms have been spotted in order to prevent their spread. It's time to
5 activate the Biodiversity Newsletter on the City's website to get this information out to the public.
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7 C. Workshops & Educational Opportunities (Various Members):

- 8 • September 20-27, 2019, Climate Strike Week.
- 9 • Sept. 27, 2019, Climate Strike Bike Ride in downtown Lebanon.
- 10 • September 13- 21, 2019, Spruce up for Lebanon and West Lebanon. Free pick-up and
11 disposal of blue bags will be available at the Lebanon Rec. Office or at the Lebanon
12 Recycling Center & Landfill. No charge for collection of litter.
- 13 • September 28, 2019, River Clean-up Day, meet at Riverside Park, 8:30 am,
- 14 • October 2019, Climate Change Academy: Interested community members can apply online
15 before September 15, 2019. Provided by the Vital Communities and the Upper Valley
16 Adaptation Workgroup.

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18 **6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

19 A. Resident letter regarding proposed wood burning plant.

20 The Commission discussed the letter above, which was included in the agenda packet for this meeting.
21 Mr. Goodwin stated he was uncertain where Hanover stands with this wood burning plant but included
22 the letter as an FYI for the Commission. While this is not under purview of the Commission, they had
23 concerns over this proposed plants emissions, air quality over time, and potential damage to forests.
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25 Ms. Bruno gave a brief review and explained the proposed plant to the Commission.
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27 B. Con. Com. member agenda format preference.

28 The Commission discussed receiving their agenda and agenda items digitally. Mr. Goodwin noted each
29 members preference after the Commission expressed both their positive and negative thoughts about
30 receiving materials electronically. Documents will be mailed to those who request this option.
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32 **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None**

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34 **8. OPEN TO PUBLIC: None**

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36 **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

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38 *Mr. Erling Heistad MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.*

39 *Seconded by Mr. Donald Lacey.*

40 ** The Vote on the MOTION passed unanimously (5-0).*

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42 Respectfully submitted,

43 Dona E. Gibson

44 Recording Secretary

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