

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting
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Co-Chairman Robert Pulford called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Lucky Lou's Restaurant in Old Wethersfield due to lack of access to the Town Hall Conference Room. The meeting was attended by Commissioners Rick Doran, Dick Londergan, Linda Nielson, and Rebecca Zalznock, successfully forming a quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for April 8, 2015 were approved with only one abstaining vote (by D. Londergan) under a Motion by R. Doran, Seconded by L. Nielson.

II. FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

A letter dated April 27, 2015 (prepared by R. Doran) was submitted to Town Manager Jeff Bridges, as signed by Chairman Baldoni summarizing the details of the Farmland Preservation Program, its benefits to the Town, and the need to establish a referendum question for future bonding. The letter was submitted for consideration by the Town Council. R. Doran volunteered to contact K. Bagley to determine if Mr. Bridges provided any feedback on the status of the letter.

The Commissioners discussed a recent (May 3, 2015) Hartford Courant article (by Chet Arnold and John Volin) regarding the Governor's proposed budget cuts that would include "*a complete sweep – more than \$40 million – of the next two years of funding raised by the Community Investment Act, the principal funding source*" for the Farmland Preservation Program and the Watershed Land Acquisition Program.

III. OLD BUSINESS

R. Pulford introduced new Commissioner Dick Londergan, whose professional career was in air quality engineering and consulting. R. Doran provided Mr. Londergan with a brief update of the Commissions' projects and activities.

Co-Chairman Pulford ended the meeting at 8:10 PM under a motion by L. Neilson, Seconded by R. Doran.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock, Secretary