



Town of Lebanon
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
2020 POCD Open Space Subcommittee
Special Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019, 2:35 p.m.
Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road

Members Present: Jan Fitter, Keith LaPorte, Robin Chesmer, Thomas Meyer
Members Absent: Wayne Budney
Also Present: Philip Chester

The Subcommittee met to discuss recommendations for the FY 2020-21 open space account capital funding and for the 2020 POCD. Mr. Chester provided an update on available open space funds and proposed open space short-term expenditures.

It was the consensus of the Subcommittee to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Conservation and Agriculture Commission that \$100,000 be requested from the Board of Finance to be added to the Open Space Account for FY 2020-21.

Some of the reasons stated for recommended funding are that a greater working balance be in place for future open space projects to include preservation of forested and watershed properties which may not have matching funding sources and to provide public access to properties by purchasing easements to previously preserved and other properties in order to create pedestrian and horseback riding linkages.

It was recommended that the 2020 POCD include a campaign to showcase Lebanon's open space habitat which residents consider valuable as evidenced by the results of the May 2019 resident survey where 333 residents (or 1 in 10 households) what should be the main focus of Lebanon's planning efforts over the next 10 year. 54% of respondents recommended the focus should be on farmland and open space development, versus commercial, industrial, residential, and tourism development.

Motion by Jan Fitter to approve the 4/22/19, 5/28/19, 6/7/19 and 10/21/19 meeting minutes. Seconded by Keith LaPorte and approved 3-0-1 with Jan Fitter abstaining.

The Subcommittee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Philip S. Chester, AICP
Town Planner
12/3/19