

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission**

**5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278**

Minutes

Open Space Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:30PM

Ashford Town Hall

Attendance: Marian Matthews, Gwen Haaland, Janet Bellamy, Loretta Wrobel, guests Bill Dubinsky, Kitty Leshay, Rebecca Terry, Warren Church and Joshua Morse.

- 1. Call to Order-7:40PM**
- 2. Approval of minute-none**
- 3. Correspondence and Announcements-none**
- 4. New Business**
 - A. Forest Legacy Program-lengthy discussion Forest Legacy Program, a federal +state partnership to conserve + protect our forests by conservation easements which eliminates development in perpetuity, Warren talked about his experience with FLP in Chaplin several years ago, Joshua and Rebecca, Quiet Corner Initiative at Yale Forest, shared their upcoming work with forest landowners in Woodstock, Eastford, Union and Ashford, + are eager to assist with Forest Legacy Program, Warren suggested we contact Lisa Harten, MassConn for listing of properties, a forest management plan is required for FLP, Jack Barclay has contacted some landowners(primarily within Westford Woodlands area of Ashford) and needs help connecting with other forested landowners, idea is to have a group of forested landowners apply for FLP. CC members willing to call property owners to inform them of program. Application deadlines are in June each year. Next steps coordinate with Jack regarding informing + educating forested landowner. DEEP FLP coordinator Dan Peracchio willing to attend a landowners meeting to answer questions. Schedule a meeting inviting landowners to discuss FLP and answer questions. Loretta to work out details with Jack.**
- 6. Member reports and projects-none.**
- 7. Public comments-none**
- 8. Agenda for next meeting-Loretta to set agenda**
- 9. Adjournment-8:46PM**

