

Town Of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
January 16, 2020 Meeting  
DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Sally Embley, Linda Clark, Isabel Brintnall, Mary Jo MacGowan, Susan Roman

The meeting of the WCC commenced at 7:25 pm at the Town offices shortly after the joint meeting of the Webster Planning Board and the WCC was adjourned. (Please see the Planning Board minutes of the joint meeting for WCC activity at the joint meeting).

The WCC meeting focused on the question of requesting through a warrant article a larger apportionment of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) to be deposited annually in the Land Trust Fund. The Commission reviewed research and analysis completed by Ms MacGowan, Ms Embley and Ms Brintnall. including total LUCT income over the last decade, amounts placed into the Land Trust Fund in the same period, statistics on LUCT receipts by Conservations Commissions throughout New Hampshire with a greater focus on those towns similar to Webster.

The WCC also discussed extensively the rationale for requesting the change, the potential uses of the funds and, further, what would be a fair and reasonable amount to request in light of the research and of projected goals and needs.

The Commission voted unanimously to request a change to 100% of LUCT income up to \$5000 and 50% of amounts collected over \$5000. Ms Roman will draft a warrant article to present to the Select Board. The WCC will also work on an information sheet for town citizens that will present the Commission's research and analysis and reasons for its request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Roman, Chair