

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Debra Kimball, Cheryl Smith, Jon Rydberg, and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

This additional workshop meeting was scheduled to address the proposed petition warrant article #13 (now) that would direct all Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) monies, including the existing LUCT sum, into the General Fund.

Information gathered from the Budget Committee meeting held on 2-6-20 noted that the present tax rate is \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed property value. For a house assessed at \$250,000 on an average LUCT annual revenue of \$50,000 this translates to a tax savings of \$20.00 per year.

Commission members discussed how to present to the voting public which shows that money invested in open space saves the taxpayers' money from year to year because land in current use or conservation easement brings in more tax revenue than it requires in services for the town.

Alternately, on average, (dwelling units) houses pay less tax revenue than they require in services, so investing in open space saves everyone money while contributing to Nottingham's rural character and protection of natural resources.

The history of the Conservation Fund and the LUCT here in Nottingham was reviewed for the benefit of all present.

Following, members decided to update the Power Point that was initially presented at Town Meeting when funding for the Conservation Fund with the LUCT revenue was on the warrant. Other informational components included two handouts, one comprehensive, the other with bullet points, "LUCT BUCKS", and person to person outreach to ask residents to attend Town Meeting and vote "NO" on the warrant article. The Commission will ask the moderator for permission to present the Power Point to the attendees during the Meeting and for a table located outside the assembly room for the dispersal of information.

Assignments were assumed, details were discussed, appropriate to the purpose of this meeting.

Note: Shippee-Rice had left at 8:05 PM.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to adjourn. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were approved as read at the meeting held on March 3, 2020.