

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes  
May 3, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Joe Grasso, John Lant, Scott Ostrander and Jean Raymond; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning.

Vice Chairman Grasso called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to authorize the conveyance of a conservation easement over county lands in the Towns of Wilton and Northumberland and to authorize an agreement with North American Land Trust to facilitate the conveyance and monitoring of the conservation easement. Unanimous.**

Mr. Cooke said the 2015 master plan at the airport identified the County's inability to mow a habitat area at the airport as a safety issue for aviators so, to reduce runway incursions, the County constructed new habitat areas in the towns of Northumberland and Wilton. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is requiring the County to contract with a third party to monitor the habitats and these resolutions will authorize the grant of a conservation easement and a contract with North American Land Trust to monitor the property in perpetuity to make sure that it is maintained as a Karner Blue Butterfly habitat. Mr. Grasso said the questions he had at the previous meeting were answered and he feels comfortable that this is in order as it's a memorialization of the commitments that have already been made regarding the habitat and maintenance responsibilities at the airport.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board