

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC)
Regular Meeting Monday, 2/27/2017
6:30 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall, Sessions Conference Room

Members present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Karen Griswold-Nelson, Bill Michaud, Madeline McClave, Caren Ross, Rusty Warner, Jean Darlington (Secretary).

Guests: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Denton (Bud) Butler

Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Public comment was received on the Butler Farm Project.

Butler Farm Preservation Project: We discussed methods of informing the public about the proposed preservation project and methods for paying for it. We discussed the timing of the Town's budget process and the implications of Governor Malloy's proposed budget cuts to towns. There are several BOF meetings planned for March and April. The Town's budget referendum is scheduled for May 2. Madeline and Rusty volunteered to work on public outreach.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 7:40, Jean C. moved we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:45, Jean D. moved we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Caren R. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jean D. moved to approve the minutes of the 1/30/2017 regular meeting and the 2/8/2017 special meeting. Rusty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trail Networks: Tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business:

- 1) OSPC responded to a request from the New Hartford Assessor regarding OSPC recommendations on West Wind Estates subdivision in Jan 2007. At the time, OSPC recommended to the Planning and Zoning Commission that using a Fee In Lieu of Open Space was the best option for this plan.
- 2) The Economic Development Commission (EDC) meets on Monday, 3/13/2017. Rusty and Jean C. volunteered to explain the proposed Michael Butler Farm preservation project to the EDC. Karen G-N said that the Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) has a very informative article about the economic benefits of the Farmington River on towns. She will e-mail it out before our next meeting.
- 3) We talked about finding interested candidates for the vacancy we have for a second alternate.

At 8:35 p.m., Jean C. moved we adjourn the meeting. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary