

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting: Monday, 8/28/2017, 6:30 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall, Sessions Conference Room

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

Guest: David Rosengren.

At 6:33 p.m., Jean C. explained that because the agenda was published after the due date, we were not able to make motions or take votes. Therefore, these minutes only summarize the discussion.

Public comment: none

Approval of Meeting Minutes: postponed until next meeting

Brodie to Barella Road Trail Plans: Jean D. has made contact with the CT DEEP about 1) the possibility of posting blazes through State property and 2) the possibility of adding a small bridge or some large rocks to make the stream crossing easier for hikers. Pete Picone and Judy Wilson of the DEEP were planning to investigate possible wildlife impacts several weeks ago. Jean is waiting to hear back from them.

Land Preservation Fund: no news

Tax Abatement: An ordinance has been drafted by the town attorney. Bill volunteered to make the presentation at the next Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. It is possible that the Town will be ready to bring a budget before the voters by September 26. Jean C. volunteered to call Bill Ducci, who originally got the Tax Abatement initiative started several years ago. Bill M. volunteered to write up a short informational document to explain tax abatement to the public. Terry and Karen G-N expressed their approval of this method as another tool to help the Town of New Hartford preserve open space land.

New Hartford Day, Sunday, September 17, 2017: We discussed plans for the OSPC booth, including information for the public about tax abatement and trails. Jean C., and Bill volunteered to staff the booth. Madeline can help a little too, but most of the day she will be in the New Hartford Land Trust booth. Other members who wish to help at the booth should e-mail Jean C.

Other Business: none. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next regular meeting September 25, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary