

MINUTES: OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall

Members Present: Jean Cronauer, Madeline McClave, Caren Ross, Jean Darlington.
Jean Cronauer called the meeting to order at 7:06.

- I. Addition of Agenda items: No items to add.
- II. Approval of 4/27/15 Meeting Minutes: Jean D. moved that we approve the minutes as written. Madeline seconded the motion. Three voted in favor; Caren abstained because she had not been present at the 4/27 meeting.
- III. 2015 Plan of Conservation & Development (POCAD): The sections our commission submitted have been included in the latest version of the document. We discussed possible further revisions to the document. Madeline recommended moving the top paragraph under “Protect Natural Resources” to the second paragraph under “Town for All Seasons” to strengthen the introductory paragraph as an advance organizer. She also recommended shortening the fifth and sixth paragraphs under “Implement the Open Space Plan” and moving the 30% goal of the Open Space Plan to the first paragraph of that section. She will e-mail her specific ideas to Jean C. We discussed the approval process for the POCAD. Jean C. will look into the specifics and e-mail them out to the Commission. We discussed the need for broader public review and comment. Ten years ago, the public was involved very extensively, so we are hoping the same will occur this time.
- IV. Open Space Policy Initiatives: Bill Michaud’s revised language has been incorporated into the latest POCAD draft.
- V. Update of Open Space Plan: We plan to work on updating the Open Space Plan this summer. Many of the facts and figures are no longer current.
- VI. New Hartford Land Trust (NHLT) Report: Madeline announced the annual NHLT Fall Frolic on October 17, 2015. Shannon Kearney-McGee will lead a presentation about chimney swifts on May 28 at 7:15 p.m. at the New Hartford Elementary School (rain date May 29). A bird walk will be led by Fran Zygmunt on Sunday, 5/31, at 7:30 a.m. The NHLT has been talking about conservation easements and the details of protecting land from subdivision.
- VII. Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 8:00 p.m., Jean C. moved that we go into executive session to discuss real estate. Caren Ross seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:20, Jean D. moved that we end the executive session to discuss real estate. Madeline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Other Business: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Jean C. will call Terry Moreschi and let him know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary