

**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Monday September 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Sessions Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Caren Ross, Rusty Warner, Jean Darlington (Secretary). Jean C. called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jean C. moved we approve the minutes as amended. Rusty seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jean D. will send the amended minutes to Donna LaPlante.
- II. Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 7:15 p.m., Jean D. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Caren seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:50, Caren moved we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Rusty seconded and the motion passes unanimously.
- III. NH Land Trust Report: Rusty reported that the OSPC had a display at the NHLT booth. Several people visited and were interested to learn more about open space in New Hartford.
- IV. 2015 Plan of Conservation & Development, Implementation Plan: Jean C. reported that the Plan has been approved. Jean C. wants the Town to provide every member of every commission with their own copy so it can serve its intended purpose to guide decision making for the next ten years. She will try to get copies for everyone on the OSPC for the next meeting.
- V. Update of Open Space Plan: Jean C. wants us to think about what goals we want OSPC to accomplish over the fall/winter. We should use the implementation page of the POCAD to help us make plans. Jean D. needs everyone's parts of the plan to compile in time for the next meeting. If everyone finishes their part by Friday, October 23, that should give her enough time to put it all together for the next meeting on Monday, October 26.
- VI. Other Business: A) Neighbors of Brodie Park South have complained that the Town is still spending tax dollars to mow the field every week. Alison Murdock of the Conservation Commission, which has historically been in charge of stewardship of this town-owned property, is looking into where the money for that is coming from in the budget. B) Jean D. went on a tour of the Riverwalk along the Housatonic River in Great Barrington, MA. It is a prime example of riverbank reclamation through volunteer effort and the latest erosion control methods. A Great Barrington teen organization known as the "Greenagers," led by Will Conklin (e-mail: director@greenagers.org, website: <http://greenagers.org/team/will/>) has been instrumental in

completing this project, which was started nearly 30 years ago by a single individual. C) Barkhamsted and New Hartford are exploring funding and plans for a trail along the Farmington River. The New Hartford Economic Development Commission has been meeting with people from Barkhamsted over a period of time. It would be good for an OSPC person to attend these meetings. D) Jean C. would like to get another one or two alternates to fill vacancies on the OSPC. We should think about people we know who might be interested.

Jean D. moved that we adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Rusty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Monday, October 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington (Secretary)