

**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday, November 23, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Sessions Conference Room, Town Hall**

Members present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Bill Michaud, Madeline McClave, Caren Ross, Jean Darlington (Secretary).

Others present: Laura Garay, Selectwoman Elect

Jean C. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. She welcomed Laura Garay and made introductions.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Caren moved to approve the minutes of the 10/26, 2015 regular meeting. Madeline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from CACIWC Annual Conference: Jean C. reported on the proceedings of the CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. She described presentations on land conservation, climate change, town plans of conservation and development, low impact development (LID), zoning issues, and regional planning.

Review Open Space Goals and Priorities: We reviewed the history of the Open Space Planning Committee, the Open Space Plan and Ordinance, Open Space Preservation Commission, our recent work on the new Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), and our current work to update the Open Space Plan. We discussed the importance of bonding for past open space preservation projects, as well as related budget issues. The Town has a stated goal of preserving 30% of its land. We also discussed strategies for public outreach and the importance of partnerships among the various boards and commissions.

Update of Open Space Plan: Jean D. reminded members to e-mail her their write-ups on the parts of the revisions they signed up to complete.

We thanked Laura Garay for attending, and she excused herself and went to another meeting.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 8:14 p.m., Jean D. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Caren seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 9:00 p.m., Jean D. moved that we leave executive session. Caren seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NH Land Trust Report: Fran Zygmunt is scheduled to do a presentation about bird migration on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beekley Library.

Other Business: Because of members' holiday travel plans, our next meeting was rescheduled from Monday, December 28 to Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Darlington, Secretary