

Minutes: Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC), Town of New Hartford, CT
Regular Meeting: Monday, 12/19/2016, 6:30 p.m., Sessions Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Bill Michaud, Madeline McClave, Jean Darlington (Secretary). Guests: Aiden Fecteau, a 9th grader from Northwestern Regional High School, and his father, John Fecteau, Denton (Bud) Butler, Dan Jerram (1st Selectman). Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session: At 6:35 p.m., Jean C. moved we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. At 7:00 p.m., Jean D. moved we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Bill seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Tax Abatement Tool: The language for a proposed ordinance has been written and is ready to go before a Town Meeting in late January or early February. Dan said he will e-mail maps and the write-up to Jean C., who will forward them on to the rest of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes: Bill moved that we approve the minutes of the 11/28/2016 meeting. Jean C. seconded and the motion passed with two absentions.

Butler Farm Update: Bud Butler reported that the CT Dept. of Agriculture completed an A2 Survey showing the property is 93.6 acres. He reviewed the purpose of the project, which is to preserve farmland and create a 1-mile hiking trail.

Bud handed out a document he had created, entitled “Butler Property Overview” and “Chronology of Butler Farm Restoration & Preservation Effort.” We need to schedule a work session to plan our next steps.

State and Regional Plan of Conservation & Development: Jean C. is planning to attend the next meeting in Goshen on December 21, 2016. She reported that she, Rusty Warner, and Karen Griswold-Nelson had attended a meeting on 11/30/2016 which focused on recreation and the environment.

Executive Session: At 8:07, Madeline moved we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:30 p.m., Jean C. moved we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., Jean C. moved we adjourn. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary