

**Town of New Hartford
Open Space Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014**

Members Present: Jean Cronauer, Karen Griswold-Nelson, Madeline McClave, Bill Michaud, Caren Ross.

Chair Jean Cronauer called the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Cronauer moved, Michaud seconded and all members voted unanimously to approve the September 23, 2013, minutes as amended (Ross absent, Michaud present; Karen Griswold-Nelson seconded approval of minutes rather than Caren Ross). Griswold-Nelson moved, Ross seconded and members voted unanimously to approve the November 25, 2013, minutes as presented. Ross moved, Griswold-Nelson seconded and members voted to approve the March 24, 2014, minutes as presented. Michaud abstained from vote on March 24, 2014, minutes as he was not present at that meeting.

II. Membership

Cronauer said that Griswold-Nelson is now a full member of the Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC) in Bob LaGoy's spot. Gray Horn is to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen at the end of June. Members discussed other possible candidates for the Commission.

III. Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate

Griswold-Nelson moved, McClave seconded and members unanimously voted to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Griswold-Nelson moved, Cronauer seconded and members unanimously voted to leave executive session at 8:45 p.m.

IV. Long-Range Planning, Community Farms Program

Members briefly discussed identification and ranking of farms in New Hartford that might qualify for the Community Farms Program.

V. Policy Initiatives

Members discussed the OSPC's two current policy initiatives (tax abatement and lots of record). Ross and Michaud will re-send drafts of these policies that each worked on to all members. These should be discussed and finalized at one of our next meetings and then forwarded to the Board of Selectman and land use attorney for the town for review.

VI. Stewardship: McClave said that she met with Resident Trooper Nigro about ATVs and dirt bikes on the Goula property. She will follow up with First Selectman about strategies to deter them from riding on the open space preserve and to educate neighbors about the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the preserve. McClave and Michaud to meet with First Selectman about Jones Mountain access agreement.

VII. Other Business: None.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OSPC will be June 23rd.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. (McClave/Michaud) was approved.

Madeline McClave, Secretary
New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission