

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC) Regular Meeting
Monday, November 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall

Members Present: Doug Roth (chair), Bill Michaud, Madeline McClave, Jean Darlington (secretary). Absent: Rusty Warner, Karen Griswold-Nelson, Eva Barham (alternate).

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Jean moved to approve the minutes of the 10/25/2021 regular meeting. Madeline seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

Updates on Current Open Space Preserves and Trails:

Butler Riverfront: Jean and Bill reported on their 11/8/2021 meeting with New Hartford Land Use Administrator Mike Lucas. They will be working with him and Alison Murdock of the Conservation Commission and the Farmington River Coordinating Committee on plans to prevent foot traffic on the trail from creating erosion into the river. Madeline passed out the latest draft of the 2021 update to the town's Management Plan for The Helen Butler Riverfront Trail. We discussed a few edits. Jean moved we approve the update with the edits we discussed. Bill seconded the motion. Doug recommended we label the update with the date 11/22/2021. Passed unanimously.

Jones Mountain: Madeline reported that 15 to 30 people have signed up for the Annual Fall Cleanup event scheduled for 11/27/2021. The leaders will be Bill Michaud and Bob Britton.

Goula Preserve: Madeline reported that the main field has been mowed.

Phillips Farm: No news to report.

Work on Updating Open Space Plan: We continued discussing updates. Madeline and Bill volunteered to email the sections they have been working on to Jean. Jean volunteered to update the latest draft with their newly written sections and email out the update to the commission as the newest draft.

New Business: We discussed the draft of a public information PowerPoint presentation that Madeline had emailed out to the commission today. Jean had reacted with some suggestions. Madeline volunteered to update the draft and email it out again.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 8:00 p.m., Madeline moved we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:24, Madeline moved we leave executive session and adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Darlington, Secretary