

**Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission Special Meeting  
Wednesday, 4/10/2019, 6:30 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Town Hall**

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

Call to Order: Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Tax Abatement Program and Application Process: We worked on editing drafts of the steps of the process for landowners who wish to apply for the tax abatement tool for open space preservation. We discussed the importance of working together as a team with the Board of Selectmen on this. Jean C. will invite the First Selectman to our May 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Butler Riverfront Conservation Easement, Preservation of Riverfront and Wild & Scenic Farmington River: We worked on additional edits to the draft conservation easement. The next step will be for the New Hartford Land Trust and their attorney to review it again, before we present the updated version to the Board of Selectmen for their review.

Other Business: We need to make a sign for the kiosk at the entrance to the public walking trail on the Butler open space property. Madeline volunteered to e-mail us a draft.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Darlington, Secretary