

Minutes: OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CT
Regular Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2016
~~Sessions Conference Room~~, Picnic Table behind Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Caren Ross, Rusty Warner, Madeline McClave, Bill Michaud, Jean Darlington (Secretary). All Town Hall doors were locked, so we met at the back parking lot's picnic table. Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jean D. moved that we accept the minutes of the March 28, 2016 regular meeting. Caren R. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports from 2016 CT Land Conservation Conference: tabled until the next meeting (May 23, 6:30 p.m.)

Open Space Plan and Natural Resources Inventory: We discussed the sections that each of us plan to write on the update of the Open Space Plan. We discussed sharing ideas and activities with the Conservation Commission.

Tax Abatement Tool – steps to enactment: We discussed presenting an informative overview to the Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 24, 2016. The overview will outline the benefits to the Town and to landowners. It will also describe a formal system of checks and balances and present a series of next steps.

Implementation Plan for 2015 Town Plan of Conservation and Development: Jean C. reported on the first meeting of the Implementation Committee, which met today at 2 p.m. at Town Hall. We discussed the Bakerville to Brodie linear trail.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 7:15 p.m., Caren R. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Madeline seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:00 p.m., Jean C. moved that we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Rusty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next regularly scheduled meeting May 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (as voted on at the March 28 meeting).

At 8:02 p.m., Jean D. moved we adjourn the meeting. Rusty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary