

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission  
Regular Meeting Monday, 1/30/2017 (postponed from Monday, 1/23/2017 because of weather)  
6:30 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall, basement conference room

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

Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jean D. moved that we approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of 1/11/2017. Karen G-N seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Election of Officers: Karen G-N moved that we re-elect Jean C. as Chairperson. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jean C. moved that we re-elect Jean D. as Secretary. Madeline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. M. Butler Farm and Outreach: The State of CT Department of Agriculture finished its A-2 survey, so now we have enough information about the property to bring the project forward to the Board of Finance and possibly to the Town of New Hartford for a vote. The total acreage of the Michael Butler Farm is 93.6 acres. Of that total, 85.5 acres would be permanently protected agricultural open space, 45% to be paid by the Town of New Hartford, and 55% to be paid by the State of CT. The remaining 8.1 acres would be used for a Town-owned hiking trail and a buffer between the trail and the Farmington River. The cost break-down would be as follows:

Town of New Hartford's share of agricultural preservation easement:

$$\frac{\$5100}{\text{acre}} \times 85.5 \text{ acres} \times 45\% = \$196,222.50$$

Town of New Hartford's purchase of 8.1 acres for trail:

$$\frac{\$5100}{\text{acre}} \times 8.1 \text{ acres} = \$41,310.00$$

State of CT's share of agricultural preservation easement:

$$\frac{\$5100}{\text{acre}} \times 85.5 \text{ acres} \times 55\% = \$239,827.50$$

We discussed preparing a presentation for the Board of Finance's February 14, 2017 meeting. Madeline will e-mail us a PowerPoint presentation.

IV: Executive Session: At 6:55 p.m., Jean C. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Caren seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:30 p.m., Karen G-N moved that we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

V: Brodie Park South: We agreed that discussion of this Town Plan of Conservation and Development initiative should wait until a future date.

VI: Tax abatement: Land use attorney Mark Branse should review the language.

There was no other business to discuss, so Jean C. moved we adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary