

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission
Special Meeting Thursday, 3/16/2017
6:00 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall, 2nd floor staff break room

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

Jean C. called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 6:05 p.m., Jean C. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Karen G-N seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 6:35 p.m., Jean C. moved that we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Butler Farm Preservation Project: Jean D. made the following motion, which is similar to a motion passed by the Board of Selectmen: “The New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission recommends the use of the Land Preservation Fund to finance the permanent preservation of the Michael Butler Farm and acquire the riverfront area for a trail. We recommend this option for the people of the Town of New Hartford to allow for the preservation of the property at virtually no expense to the taxpayer. Funds for the project could be loaned from the General Fund and would be paid back over time from the future receipts in the Land Preservation Fund.” Caren R. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Madeline recommended that we put the one-page public information flyer on the town website. The other commissioners agreed.

At 6:40 p.m., Jean C. moved that we adjourn. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (We then drove to Antolini School to attend the 7 p.m. Board of Finance meeting because the Butler Farm project was on the agenda.)

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary