

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting: Thursday, 9/28/2017, 6:30 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall, Sessions Conference Room

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

Because we still did not have a quorum by 6:38, we held a “workshop” at the beginning of the meeting. At 7:05 p.m., after we had a quorum, Jean C. called the meeting to order.

At 7:06 p.m., Madeline moved we enter Executive Session to discuss real estate. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:20 p.m., Jean C. moved we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Caren R. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of meeting minutes: Jean D. moved we approve the minutes from June 24, July 24, and August 28, 2017. Madeline, Caren, and Jean C. seconded each motion respectively. All three minutes were approved unanimously.

Town/State Budget Update, Open Space Line Item: The State of CT budget still has not been approved. At this point the OSPC line item has \$0.

NRI Maps – Conservation Commission: The Natural Resources Inventory maps were at the Conservation Commission booth at New Hartford Day. Madeline volunteered to call Ken Geissler about this, and to follow up with an e-mail to the OSPC members. Jean D. reported that Pete Picone of the DEEP had responded today (9/28/2017, a few hours before this meeting). He suggested that we submit formal plans for a bridge across the Cedar Swamp Brook if we want to make the Brodie-to-Barella Road trail official in the future. Madeline volunteered to find out about a puncheon bridge construction technique from a contact she has. She will e-mail us with information she gathers.

Open Space Tax Abatement Ordinance: Madeline, Bill, and Jean C. volunteered to form a subcommittee to develop a specific set of steps for landowners to follow if they are interested in using this new land protection tool, which was approved at the most recent Town Meeting.

Adjournment: At 8:20 p.m., Caren R. moved that we adjourn the meeting. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting October 23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary