

**MINUTES: OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Monday, June 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall**

Members Present: Jean Cronauer, Madeline McClave, Caren Ross, Jean Darlington.
Jean C. called the meeting to order at 7:01.

- I. Addition of Agenda items: Madeline will send OSPC members some information about the State of CT's budget for Open Space preservation.
- II. Approval of 5/18/15 Meeting Minutes: Madeline moved that we approve the minutes as written. Caren seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. 2015 Plan of Conservation & Development (POCAD) – Ch. 3: Natural Resource Conservation and Ch. 4: Open Space Preservation: Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics has updated and refined the POCAD. We read through Ch. 3 and 4 in detail and made miscellaneous minor edits, which Jean C. noted. Madeline will check the facts in POCAD Action Step #4 on p. 35 regarding P. A. 490. Jean D. will double-check the overarching goals of the Open Space Plan. (Answer: The Open Space Plan calls for the permanent preservation of “at least 7,300 acres, or 30% of the land in New Hartford.”) We all need to read the Implementation Plan carefully and send our comments to Jean C.
- IV. Open Space Policy Initiatives: no new policy initiatives
- V. Update of Open Space Plan: Jean D. will organize the tasks to be done and work on dividing them up among the members of the Commission.
- VI. New Hartford Land Trust (NHLT) Report: Madeline announced the following events:
 - a) Connecticut Fund for the Environment presentation about protecting trees (June 23, 4:30 – 6:30, Farmington Library)
 - b) Guided insect walk (July 19 at 1:00 p.m.)
 - c) Annual NHLT Fall Frolic (October 17, 2015).
- VII. Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 7:05, Jean C. moved that we go into executive session to discuss real estate. Caren seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:45, Caren moved that we end the executive session to discuss real estate. Madeline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Other Business: We rescheduled our next meeting to Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall because of members' summer schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary