

Minutes: OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMISSION, TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CT
Regular Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016, Sessions Conference Room, 1st Floor, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jean Cronauer (Chairperson), Bill Michaud, Karen Griswold-Nelson, Caren Ross, Jean Darlington (Secretary). Jean C. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Karen G-N moved that we accept the minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting. Jean C. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate: At 7:03 p.m., Caren R. moved that we enter executive session to discuss real estate. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:35 p.m., Jean D. moved that we leave executive session to discuss real estate. Caren R. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Space Plan: We discussed the sections that each of us plan to write on the update of the Open Space Plan. We discussed integrating open space preservation with community growth and fiscal responsibility. We also discussed regulatory tools that exist today that did not exist when the original Open Space Plan was written.

Natural Resources Inventory: We discussed map layers and coordinating efforts with the Conservation Commission and the Farmington Watershed Association. Karen G-N volunteered to research the old map layers.

Open Space Preservation Commission Budget: After discussion about the details of line items to our budget, Karen G-N moved we present a budget of \$9100 to the Selectmen. Caren Ross seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Land Conference: Jean C. volunteered to send a land trust training manual to us by e-mail.

Implementation Plan for 2015 Town Plan of Conservation and Development: We worked on prioritizing our duties as outlined in the Implementation Plan. Bill volunteered to create a timetable of tasks for us to accomplish. Caren R. volunteered to speak with people interested in promoting trail networks. We also discussed the upcoming (April 13th) P&Z meeting regarding a potential West Hill Pond overlay zone.

Change to OSPC meeting schedule: Jean C. moved that we begin our meetings at 6:30 p.m. from now on, instead of 7:00 p.m., so that we can finish earlier in the evening. Jean D. seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Next regularly scheduled meeting April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

At 8:25 p.m., Bill moved we adjourn the meeting. Caren R. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Darlington, Secretary