

Minutes of New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC) Regular Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall

Members Present: Doug Roth (chairperson), Eva Barham, Mary Hoag (alternate), Jean Darlington (secretary), Madeline McClave. Absent: Bill Michaud, Karen Griswold-Nelson, Rusty Warner. Doug called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Eva moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting. Doug seconded. The motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.

Open Space Plan – 2022 Update: Jean stated that she will include the 2022 updated Open Space Plan, which OSPC approved on September 26, 2022, as addenda to these minutes when she sends them to the Town Clerk's office.

Updates on Current Open Space Preserves and Trails:

Jones Mountain: Eva reported that turnout was excellent for the annual fall cleanup with the NHLT, which took place on Saturday, November 26th. A number of enthusiastic, energetic young people were among the more than a dozen volunteers, who accomplished a great deal. We discussed additional work to be accomplished, including removing a few remaining large fallen trees across the carriage road and a few clogged culverts.

Butler Riverfront Preserve: We revised the 2021 update to the Management Plan to create the 2022 update. Nothing substantive was changed; we mainly changed a few dates. Jean will type up the updates and send them to Doug to forward to the Selectman's Office. It will need to be signed by a representative of the Board of Selectmen and a representative of the New Hartford Land Trust.

Goula Preserve, Phillips Farm: No update.

Other business:

- Eva asked about the location of the Yadach Road Tunxis Trail site that we discussed at the November 21, 2022 meeting. Madeline volunteered to email us the information.
- Madeline reported that some trees fell across the town-owned trail on the Antolini Woods property. A volunteer was able to remove some of them with a handsaw, but there is still one large tree that will require a chainsaw. It is about 0.7 miles from the parking lot at the Surdam property. She also reported that the blazes along the trail need to be refreshed. National Trails Day is on the first weekend in June, so we discussed hiking the entire trail from Goula to Antolini that weekend and improving the blazes wherever necessary.
- Doug announced the [2023 Summit on Housing and Conservation](https://ctconservation.org/event/2023-summit-on-housing-and-conservation/), which will take place on February 1, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hartford. It is co-sponsored by the [CT Land Conservation Council](#), the [Land Trust Alliance](#), and the [Trust for Public Land](#). People interested in attending will be able to register at this website: <https://ctconservation.org/event/2023-summit-on-housing-and-conservation/>

Executive session to discuss real estate: At 7:40, Eva moved we enter executive session. Jean seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Executive session ended at 7:50.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m., New Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Darlington, Secretary