

Minutes: the Natural Resources and Open Space Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. The following topics were discussed.

The Zoom meeting ID is 968 8040 0895
The password is openspace
the call in number is 1 301 715-8592

Commissioners in Attendance: Ms. Larke, Mr. Nista, Mr. Horn, Mr. Repasz, Mr. Bailin, Mr. Pearce, Mr. McManus

Commissioners Excused: Dr. Doheny, Mr. Vitali, Mr. Knott, Mr. Bell

Others in Attendance: Ms. Tobin, Commission Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Review of Minutes

Minutes of February 26, 2020

Mr. Repasz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting. Ms. Lark seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Mr. Pearce abstained.

3. Continuing Business

The Beers Property

Mr. Repasz reported that the Beers property has been accepted as Open Space. The Hamden Land Conservation Trust is trying to raise \$60,000. There are two sources willing to provide matching funds. There is also a DEEP grant available, and the remainder of the purchase price will come from Town funding.

The Brand Property

The Brand property will be purchased with an Audubon Grant. Mr. Repasz said a walk through was done with Anthony Zemba. A property at 4224 Whitney Avenue will also be added and they will connect to Town Property.

The Denslow Hill Road property

Dr. Doheny advised Ms. Tobin that there is nothing going on with the Denslow Hill property.

Maselli Farm

There is nothing going on with the Maselli Farm property.

Mr. Horn said we must continue to push the Olin property now that the work in Newhallville is complete. This property could be used for passive recreation only. We need to keep this in front of the Town.

Mr. Repasz mentioned the 23 acres off of Hill Street and 44.9 acres off of Paradise avenue which the State and the RWA will purchase. There is no news about that to date.

5. New Business – State Funding

Mr. Horn said the major topic for new business was to be State funding, but we have no news to report.

There was no further business to discuss. Mr. Horn mentioned that three State Street eagles have fledged.

6. Adjournment

Mr. McManus made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pearce seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk