



Town of Hamden

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THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mike McManus, Daniel Camenga, Aris Stalis, Peter Vitali, Mike Horn, Bill Doheny, Hamilton Milroy, Marigrace Larke, Richard Bell

Commissioners Absent: Ted Kennedy, Excused

Others in Attendance: Dan Kops – Assistant Town Planner, Gerry Tobin-Meeting Clerk

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Camenga apologized for missing the last meeting due to arrival of his second son. Congratulations to Dan and his family.

1. Review Minutes of March 30, 2011

4th line from bottom of first page, remove Maselli from “farm in Woodbridge”

First word, first paragraph, change first word commissioners to singular

Dr. Doheny made a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2011 as amended. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. Mr. Camenga and Mr. Stalis abstained. The vote was seven in favor.

2. Old Business:

Page 2 of minutes of March 30th refers to getting the conservation easement on line. Dr. Doheny reported that the winemaker is out. The grant funds to study barn arrived last week. The Legislative Council has earmarked \$18,000 for work on the farm for capping the well and removing the addition on the barn. The Committee would like to make sure the funds are used properly. They would not like to see the addition removed from the barn before the study is complete, and the well should not be filled with cement in case it might be useable someday. There has been no sign of an easement. This is an agenda item to be discussed by the committee. The RFP went out on Monday according to Mr. Kops. The RFP has to be advertised and the Purchasing Office also sends out information to parties they feel might be interested.

Ms. Larke asked what happened to winery proposal. Dr. Doheny said he wasn't happy that he couldn't do what he wanted to do, but it is too bad, because it could have been an asset.

Mr. Kops said the Town Attorney's office is working on the conveyance of the Clay Pits to the Town. There has been no discussion regarding an easement being granted to anyone.

There were no further reports on properties of interest.

3. New Business:

Earth Day takes place on Saturday, April 30th. Mr. Horn will pick up Ms. Tobin's computer after 3:30 on Friday Afternoon.

Bill Doheny, Hamilton Milroy and Mike Horn will help man the table. Ted Kennedy usually helps but was not at the meeting. Mike McManus will be there in the afternoon. Mr. Horn said help is especially needed from 9 to 10:30, as he will be doing a bird walk. Ms. Larke can be there by 10:00. Mr. Camenga might be able to help.

Mr. Horn said the scavenger hunt question is “Are there any wild deer in Hamden.”

Mr. Milroy has handouts from the USDA.

Mr. Horn said the Commission is going to do a 5 year census of Town owned open space that is not schools, cemeteries or golf courses. Dan Camenga, Peter Vitali and Mike McManus are willing to be on the committee. Mr. Horn said the last time the Commission did a census, they discovered 40 acres at 640 Hill Street Rear. The state has put a small parking lot at the entrance to that parcel.

Mr. Camenga feels we should consider schools, cemeteries and golf courses in our census. Mr. Horn agreed.

Mr. Horn made a formal request of the Planning & Zoning Department through Mr. Kops, for a list of addresses and a one or two word description of the property, then the Commission will get to work on it. Mr. Camenga mentioned that the Land Trust has a worksheet of properties. Bill Doheny said we should consider all the open space, including state and regional in case what we are looking at overlaps or abuts one of those. The list provided Town owned property whether or not it was open space – by address. Mr. Stalis said the Town’s GIS will tell us what is next to each parcel.

Dr. Doheny would like to see the whole Town done on perhaps four maps – even some property that might be funded by Long Island Sound (if it flows to West River which flows to Long Island Sound.)

Mr. Bell offered to get RWA maps showing RWA and municipal properties. Dr. Doheny said that the maps will have to be on an acceptable scale i.e. 4 maps with matchpoints.

4. Adjournment:

Dr. Doheny made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Milroy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk