

NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

MINUTES: The Natural Resources Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center.

Commissioners in Attendance: Mike McManus, Kevin Burgio, Mike Horn, Bill Doheny, Dan Camenga, Richard Bell, Ted Kennedy, Marigrace Larke, Dan Camenga

Commissioners Absent: Aris Stalis, Hamilton Milroy,

Others in Attendance: Dan Kops, Gerry Tobin

Minutes of June 29th

Pg. 2 change humidity garden to community garden

Dr. Doheny made a motion to approve the minutes of June 29, 2011. Mr. McManus seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Old Business

Maselli Property

There was no news to report on the conservation easement. There were no responses to the RFP except for one verbal response. The sale of the house to Habitat for Humanity is moving forward. This is an excellent use of the house. The only contaminants on the property are pesticides. There is also an old barn on the property which is going to be preserved but the addition to the barn will be removed.

Dan Camenga said he is somewhat confused about the limitation of money that can be earned from the property, but Dan Kops doesn't think that is accurate. Bill Doheny said the information was erroneous and we should not worry about it.

Clay Pit – Mr. Kops reported that the news on the clay pit is not good. Negotiations with Mr. Ginsberg were proceeding but a cost of \$40-50,000 was involved. Communication has broken off. This was not quite the gift we thought it might be. Dan Kops doesn't think there are taxes due on that property. Mike Horn filled commissioners in on the background of the clay pit.

Bill Doheny asked what the zoning is in that area and what can the owners do with the property. Mr. Kops said he believes it is still zoned manufacturing, but he will check. He doesn't think this property will ever be developed. The manufacturing zone allows many uses. Approvals would be required from Inland Wetlands, Planning & Zoning, and the DEP. There is also a railroad crossing to deal with.

Five Lakes Park

(Olin Powder Farm on Putnam near Dixwell) This property has five ponds, and a lot of wildlife, but remediation won't happen until after the Newhallville residential area remediation is complete. There is no news.

There was no further old business

New Business

We have access to the list of Town owned properties and maps from Hamden.gis website. Mr. Kops is working on expanding the list of Town owned properties to include state owned properties. Mr. Burgio has that list from the state website. Mr. Horn would like the Town to purchase the arc.gis package for the NROS in order to make intelligent use of the maps at our disposal at a cost of \$200.

Mr. Vitali asked if we want to make our own data base so we can keep our own file with our pictures, maps, etc. Mr. Camenga asked where are we storing this. Mr. Burgio said the list can be stored on Google Earth for free and they will host it for you. Mr. Vitali also asked how the list is going to be split up among the four people on the committee. He wondered if we were planning to divide it up by zip codes. There are no zip codes on the list. Ms. Larke said she could put the zip codes on the list.

Mr. Horn reminded everyone of the brown bag picnic at Dr. Doheny's house on Saturday, August 6th at 12:00 noon. Dr. Doheny's home is located at 220 Mountain Road. There will be a sharp right hand turn, and a sign directing to parking in the field. Mr. Horn said bring something to share. Dr. Doheny has a grill.

Adjournment

Dr. Doheny made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vitali seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk