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THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. The following items were discussed.

Commissioners in Attendance: Peter Vitali, Mike Horn, Dick Bell, Mike McManus, Kevin Burgio, Marigrace Larke

Excused Absence: Bill Doheny

1. Review: Minutes of July 31, 2013

Page 1, change Mr. Doheny to Dr. Doheny

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of July 31st as corrected. Ms. Larke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Continuing Business:

Mr. Kops reported that he and the Mayor are in contact with the Bednarzyk son in law regarding their property on Brooksvale. The next step is to get an appraisal done.

There is nothing new to report on the Maselli property or the Ginsberg (log cabin) property. There is no news on grants. The Commission will continue its vigilance on the East Rock Polo Fields.

Ms. Larke mentioned that the Olin Powder Farm is open this weekend. She is unsure of the time. The Land Trust is running the walk, and it will be canceled if it rains. Regarding remediation, nothing will happen there until the project in Newhallville has been completed.

No news on Hamden Eagles. The baby eagle is still in the area but is being chased off by her parents to fend for herself. There was discussion on the eagles.

3. New Business:

Recruitment for NROS. Mr. Horn saw an notice in the paper that several commissions need new members, including NROS. He hopes we can get the Hamden Post Chronicle to give the article a better position. Mr. Horn has been in touch with one person who said he would apply in the fall. Mr. Bell mentioned that we could have the eagle slides available at the next meeting and invite the public to attend. Commissioners thought that was a great idea. Mr. Horn will put a notice in the Hamden Bird Club and Mr. Vitali will advise members of Hamden Fish and Game. Mr. Kops will check with Mr. Vocelli regarding the Sleeping Giant Park Association. Others that could be contacted are Friends of Brooksvale Park, and other organizations with an interest in Hamden's natural resources.

4. Adjournment:

Mr. Bell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burgio seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

After the meeting adjourned there was discussion regarding what the Commission hopes to accomplish in the coming year. Mr. Horn said we have a mission statement, and the original ordinance setting up the commission. The Commission will redo its list of things it wants to accomplish at its next meeting.

Mr. Vitali asked Mr. Kops if the Town is going to do anything about the Plan of Conservation and Development, which is now ten years old. Mr. Kops said they are working on it and there will be plenty of opportunity for public input. The new deadline to complete the Plan is January of 2015. Mr. Vitali has a copy of the portion of the Plan that is pertinent to this Commission.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk