



# Town of Hamden

## Planning and Zoning Department

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**THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**, Town of Hamden, will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT and the following will be reviewed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mike Horn, Bill Doheny, Mike McManus, Dick Bell, Kevin Burgio  
Commissioners Absent: Hamilton Milroy, Marigrace Larke  
Commissioners Excused: Peter Vitali  
Others in Attendance: Assistant Town Planner Dan Kops, Meeting Clerk Gerry Tobin

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Review: Minutes of April 24, 2013

**Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2013. Dr. Doheny seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

2. Continuing Business:

A. Masselli property and other properties of interest

B. C.I.A. Grants

Mr. Doheny reported that he has met with Mayor Jackson twice and is waiting to hear from him again. The Mayor was going to talk to people at the state level. We were not awarded the grant for repairing the barn roof because the Town never applied for it. However, after discussing this with someone at the state, Dr. Doheny said if we can get the Town to submit the grant during the first part of June, we might be able to get the money by the end of June. Dr. Doheny submitted the place holder in December. Al Gorman was going to give the application to the Mayor's office to submit. Now we have to fill out a new application for this grant. Six months have been wasted, but apparently the door is still open. Dr. Doheny has advised Mr. Colaiacovo, the council representative for this area, and he will stay on top of this. The Urban Miner material was to be removed immediately and then they would remove their material from the interior of the barn. Public Works was going to clean up around the barn. No one was sure of the status. Dr. Doheny said hopefully on Friday Public Works will go in with their brush cutter and clear some of the roads. Mr. Milroy and Mr. McManus have done a lot of work on this project. The state has funds available for agricultural purposes.

The Town owned Massaro Farm in Woodbridge received a grant to repair their barn. Mr. McManus said the Massaro farm was started because they got a \$300,000 grant through Rosa DeLauro. Dr. Doheny mentioned the new play scape near Hamden's community garden. He also mentioned seeing an innovative combination play scape and outdoor gym funded by money from health organizations.

Mr. Kops commented on the 16.5 acre Bednarcik property 100 Brooksvale Avenue Rear. He contacted Mayor Jackson who said he would refer the property to this commission. The property fronts on the

unpaved portion of Julian Drive. Mr. Doheny asked if they lost their 490 classification. Kenneth Maritea is the Bednarcik son in law who contacted the Town. This parcel connects to the McMahon piece and a Brooksvale piece. There was no price mentioned. Dr. Doheny said there is no money at DEP right now, except for agriculture. This is watershed land so the Regional Water Authority might be interested.

Mr. Kops will let Mayor Jackson know that the commission has expressed interest in this property. Dr. Doheny said he, Mayor Amento and Mr. Bednarcik Sr. had discussed this property many years ago.

C. Survey of Town owned properties

Mr. Horn mentioned what a nice job Peter Vitali did on the list of Town owned properties. Mr. Kops has passed a copy on to Mayor Jackson

D. East Rock polo field – continued vigilance

Mr. Horn reported that the City of New Haven is doing a two year project to clean up the archery range.

Mr. Bell will review the rule relative to public use of Town property.

3. New Business:

A. Olin Powder Farm / Five Lakes Park

B. Hamden Eagles

Mr. Horn has been submitting information to the media regarding the eagles on State Street. There is one chick. The eagles have been written up in the New Haven Register and there was a story on Channel 61. The eagles are currently Hamden's most precious natural resource. There was further discussion. Mr. Horn said there are about 30 eagle nests in Connecticut, but this is the only one that is visible.

The commission extended condolences to the family and friends of Ann DeMatteo.

4. Adjournment:

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

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk