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THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Dr. McManus, Mr. Cohen, Ms. Larke, Mr. Vitali, Ms. Weed, Mr. Horn

Absent: Mr. Bell, Mr. Burgio, Mr. Pearce

Excused: Dr. Doheny

Potential Commissioner Mr. Balin

Also in Attendance:

1. **Review:** Minutes of September 24, 2014
Postponed to November meeting as commissioners had not received minutes.

2. Continuing Business:

Mr. Horn reported that last month Mr. Zambrano representing The Land Trust came before us to announce that they had taken ownership of 37 acres in the area of the bald eagles. Two Fridays ago at about 6 p. m. there was a shotgun blast which caused all of the eagles to fly off. Mr. Horn called the Amtrac office to report illegal hunting on private property. About 20 minutes later, three guys in cammouflage carrying rifles came out of the property. Mr. Horn approached them and showed his paper badge! They brushed him aside. The Amtrac police recorded the license plate, so that is on file. Mr. Horn sent an email to everyone explaining the situation. He said we need to encourage the land trust to put up signs at the front and rear of the property saying no hunting, no fishing, no trespassing, etc. The president of the Land Trust said he will get on this as fast as he can.

Mr. Horn called for a motion encouraging the Land Trust to put up the no trespassing signs as quickly as they possible can. Mr. Vitali so moved and Ms. Weed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Weed suggested perhaps an article in the local papers publicizing the fact that the eagles are there. Commissioners expressed concern about the wrong people knowing about the eagles. Ms. Tobin felt that local papers were probably not read by those folks. Mr. Horn will work on an article. Mr. Horn said Channel 3 and Channel 30 have been to the site. He said an eagle with a green band, and found out it was from New Jersey, Princeton area.

Mr. Cohen attended the 250th anniversary celebration for the Hartford Courant this evening, and now has a contact with the person who does the weekly article hiking around Connecticut.

Dr Doheny is not here tonight, but he is working to close 80 acres on five different parcels. He mentioned in a phone call tonight that Art Vignola passed away. Ms. Larke said Mr. Vignola's son is still farming the land, and as far as she knows, he will continue to farm. He has two children and two others helping. Dr. Doheny suggested that Ms. Larke drop by and see if there is any land that he would like to donate to the Land Trust or to the Town of Hamden.

Ms. Weed asked if anyone has ever approached the Farriciellis regarding their property. Mr. Horn said the north end is in federal remediation right now. The south end is under two feet of fill, and will probably eventually go back to nature. Remediation is needed. Mr. Horn also mentioned Five Lakes Park, which is also in need of remediation.

3. New Business:
2015 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Vitale made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 meeting schedule. Ms. Larke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Horn received a note from Tom Parliapiano, former member of this commission and currently chairman of the Hamden Tree Commission. They will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month here at the Government Center should anyone wish to attend

Ms. Larke asked about an article she read saying that the Town of Wallingford will no longer be burning trash for electric power. Mr. Vitali said he was in that plant ten years ago. They use that plant to furnish the town's electricity. He is not sure what will happen there.

4. Adjournment:

Mr. Vitali made a motion to adjourn. Dr. McManus seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk