

The Natural Resources & Open Space Commission
Town of Hamden

Informal Notes

The Natural Resources & Open Space Commission held an informal session on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Frank Cohen, Peter Vitali, Mike Horn, Bill Doheny

Commissioners Absent: Marigrace Larke (excused), Dick Bell, Kevin Burgio, Jonathan Richardson, Mike McManus

Call to Order

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Review of Minutes

The review of the April minutes was postponed to the June 25th meeting.

Properties of Interest

There was nothing to report on the properties of interest.

Old Business

Maselli Farm: Dr. Doheny said there was a meeting regarding the Maselli Farm property. Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Office for the Mayor was in attendance. The Farmland Trust representative was there and gave Miss Smith information and contacts numbers, so there should be no problems making the proper connections.

New Business

Mr. Horn said if we continue to have minimal agenda items, perhaps we should meet every other month. Commissioners decided to meet in June and cancel the meetings scheduled for July and August.

Dr. Doheny said regarding the Gargiulo property on State Street, after 1.5 years the Land Trust has finally taken it. The acreage is undetermined. Dr. Doheny also reported that he went out to the YMCA Camp property. He said the buildings are in excellent shape including the pavilion. The camp sites are there. There is easy road access to all of the amenities on the property for kids, handicapped people, etc. Dr. Doheny said if the state were to purchase the Y property it would basically be the end of the infrastructure, since it would not be maintained. If they do buy it it will go into the Sleeping Giant Unit, with properties in several towns and a staff of only three. He gave the Y management the paperwork to submit to the state. The state owns properties on three sides of the Y parcel and it is also in our area of interest. The pool has been repaired. They are still using the property since their proposal to move everything to Shepard/Sherman Avenues was met with resistance by the neighbors due to the additional use of the property. Dr. Doheny discussed this with Speaker Sharkey. The only other choice would be to keep the camp and sell a conservation easement on it.

Mr. Horn reported that the eagles have six week old twins that are each about 1.5' high with a wing span of 4'.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk.