

NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

MINUTES: The Natural Resources and Open Space Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. Horn, Dr. Doheny, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Bell, Mr. Cohen, Dr. McManus, Mr. Vitale, Ms. Larke

Others in Attendance: Assistant Town Planner Dr. Kops,
Acting Clerk Peggy Craft

Call to Order

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

Review of: Minutes of February 26, 2014
Minutes of April 30, 2014
Meeting Notes of May 28, 2014b

Commissioner Pearce noted that he was not at the May Meeting. Commissioner **Vitale motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes and Notes enmasse with the correction to the Meeting Notes of May 28, 2014.** Commissioner Bell seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Continuing Business: Review Properties of Interest

There was a discussion regarding a June 16th article about the Maselli Farm. Dr. Doheny said regarding the grant for the roof, two bids have been received. Both bids were below what was expected. He didn't know if anyone was selected. There is another grant to get the study started. He also said there is a need to move expeditiously to get to the next round before next summer or we will lose another year. He explained what the study is for, and added that it is vital to move to the next step. He said they must advertise, then select, and then complete the study. He said the problem is that if we don't get this done, there is a fall cycle for the next implementation of grants that will be done in the spring. If that cycle is missed then it goes to the next fall cycle and we have missed a year. He added that everything is set, we just need go forward. Dr. Doheny further discussed these grants. He added that the good news is that to clear the land the Operating Engineers are willing to go in there and clear the land as a training exercise.

Mr. Horn asked if there was anything new with the Maselli Property. Dr. Doheny said there was not.

Next Mr. Horn asked Mr. Kops if there are any other properties that we are interested in. Mr. Kops said he sent a message to Mr. Horn regarding the Bednarzyk property. Mr. Kops said if the Council approves, the family will donate \$1,900 and the Town will add \$1,900. Mr. Horn asked if anyone would like to encourage the Council to approve this.

Commissioner Vitale motioned to encourage the Town to accept the gift and to go ahead and spend \$1,900 in matching funds with the Bednarzyk family to get an appraisal of the property. Commissioner Doheny seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Kops described the property. Mr. Horn said the appraisal will provide a fair selling price for the property. Mr. Kops said what is before the Council is acceptance of the gift.

Dr. Doheny asked Mr. Kops if the property is no longer 490. Mr. Kops said that he thought they had lost it, but added that he was not sure.

There was further discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Kops if there was any other business regarding property that we wish to obtain. Mr. Kops said he has not heard of any.

Dr. Doheny said the Y has submitted their request for acquisition from the State. He added that he has not talked to Brendan Sharkey about this. Mr. Kops said the Y is back there this summer.

New Business

Mr. Horn said occasionally we run into spells with not much to do. He said suggestions have been made regarding the July 30th meeting. He recommended canceling the July meeting, and keeping the August 27th meeting on hold. Mr. Kops said both meeting had already been canceled and a Cancellation Notice had by sent by Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin.

There were no objections to the cancellations.

Mr. Horn asked if there was any other New Business. He noted that there is not much going on right now.

Dr. Doheny motioned to adjourn. Mr. Vitale seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Mr. Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Submitted by:

Peggy Craft, Acting Clerk