



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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**THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 26, 2009 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: Ms. Emery, Mr. Vitali, Ms. Larke, Mr. Horn, Dr. Doheny, Mr. Milroy, Mr. Bell

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Stalis (excused), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McManus

Others in Attendance: Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

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

### **1. Review Minutes of July 29, 2009**

**Mr. Vitali made a motion to approve the minutes of July 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Doheny seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

### **2. Old Business:**

Regarding the presentation of Hamden Green Award to the Dunbar Hill Civic Association, the award date and location has been changed from Saturday 8/29 at the Masselli Farm Property to Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 p.m. at the Dunbar Hill Fire House, at the meeting of the Association. The reason for the change is that the property has not been cleaned up yet.

At the Commission's July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting a motion was made that a conservation easement be formed for the Masselli Property. Mike Horn attended the Legislative Council Committee meeting and read the Commission's motion into the record. Dr. Doheny was also in attendance at the meeting.

Updates on Properties of Interest

There was no news on the Stahnke, Podgwaite, DeNardis and clay pit properties.

The Mayor has submitted a Resolution requesting the purchase of the Benedict Property on Whitney Avenue for open space, with funding coming from the State of Connecticut, the

Regional Water Authority and the Town for a total of \$700,000 and conservation easements to the State and the Regional Water Authority.

**3. New Business:**

A copy of the Parks and Open Space Inventory from the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development 2002 was distributed. There have been several acquisitions since this list was prepared. Also some discrepancies were noted.

Mr. Bell asked if the Town had a goal for open space land. Mr. Horn said the State of Connecticut had a standard of 30% of a town's total acreage. He said we are getting near 30%. There are 29,200 acres in Hamden. Open Space in Town taken from the Plan of Conservation and Development 2002; counting schools and cemeteries, puts Hamden at 29.6%. He feels of the 6,000 acres of open space, 4,000 acres are real open space and the remainder is golf courses, schools, etc., which the Town counts and so does the State.

Ms. Larke mentioned that there is a land use class being held in Connecticut in November.

**4. Adjournment:**

**Dr Doheny made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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