

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
TOWN OF HAMDEN**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

**7:30 PM**

**HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE  
HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Peter Vitali  
Mike Horn  
Bill Doheny  
Mike McManus  
Ham Milroy  
Aris Stalis

**Commissioners Absent:** Dick Bell (excused)  
Ted Kennedy (excused)  
Mary Grace Larke  
Daniel Camenga

**Others in Attendance:** Dan Kops, Assistant Town Planner  
Peggy Craft, Acting Meeting Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Horn called the Meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Chairman Horn asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the Minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. **Commissioner Doheny motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milroy and passed with a vote of five in favor with one abstention.**

Commissioner Vitali asked if the McMahan and Bednarzyk properties have been discussed at previous meetings. Dr. Doheny said they have been discussing these properties for a while, and explained their locations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Horn asked to have it noted in the Minutes that this Commission made and passed a motion in April to keep Lake Road closed.

There will be a hearing on October 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the foreclosure on the McMahan property.

Mr. Kops said the Stanke property was sold a year ago for \$2,000 to a person named Gambardella. Mr. Kops did not know the first name of this person. Dr. Doheny noted that we were offered it for free, and we lost it. Mr. Kops said he has just learned of this sale. Mr. Horn

asked why we did not know of this and Mr. Kops explained that it doesn't come to the attention of the Town until the papers have been filed. The Commissioners present felt that this was

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unconscionable. There was a discussion regarding this. Mr. Horn asked Mr. Kops to look into properties that have had their ownership transferred. Mr. Kops asked what specific properties. Dr. Doheny and Mr. Horn informed him that the properties they are interested in are the Stanke property and any property in the Stanke area, the Williams property, and any other properties such as the Bednarzyk and the log cabin site.

There was a discussion regarding what holds up the Town from acquiring these properties. Mr. Stalis asked if the hold up occurs in the Town Attorney's office. Mr. Kops said the Town Attorney is not responsible for any hold ups.

Mr. Vitali asked if there is a listing of properties that are sold in the newspapers. Mr. Kops said that there is a commercial group that lists these sales, but he believes that this is a service that must be subscribed to and paid for.

Next, Mr. Kops said regarding the Maselli property, Habitat for Humanity has inspected the house and is interested in taking it over. Mr. Kops believes there are no restrictions on selling this property. Mr. Kops also reported that the wine grower, Mr. Rosabianca, is still interested in having a winery there, and selling grapes and negotiations are going on.

Dr. Doheny said the sheep man called him and asked if he can keep his sheep over the winter. Dr. Doheny spoke with Mayor Jackson, and he said to refer the gentleman to Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. McManus said that he understood that North Haven and Hamden have proposed outlawing outdoor burning furnaces. Mr. Kops said that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and again on September 28<sup>th</sup> to hear further testimony regarding this. The commission voted 5 to 2 to ban outdoor burning furnaces. North Haven has also banned these furnaces.

Mr. Horn said Hawk Fest was held last Sunday and was fabulous.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Horn called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitali and passed unanimously. Chairman Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Craft, Acting Meeting Clerk