

**East Haddam  
Conservation Commission  
Special Meeting**

April 27, 2010  
Adopted May 4, 2010

1. Call to Order: The Special Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:05 PM at the Annex. In attendance were Cynthia Matthew (Chair), Paul Stuhlman, Peggy Carlson, TJ Tarbox, Todd Gelston and Pat Thomas. Others present: Scot Mackinnon and Rob Smith.
2. Agenda: The singular purpose of the meeting was to consider endorsing the East Haddam Land Trust's proposal to obtain grants from the State of Connecticut DEP and Town of East Haddam to purchase a 44-acre conservation public easement and one-acre fee-simple from Gary and Donna Bogan.
3. Presentation: Rob Smith, President of the East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) reviewed the details of the parcel and rationale for its preservation noting conservation (preservation of the Salmon River watershed; protected area in a developed part of town), historic (mill site remains), and recreation features (potential for trails, fishing and limited horseback use.) Mr. Smith indicated that linear park along the Moodus River has long been a goal of the EHLT (30+) years. In addition, he stated it is a component of the EH Plan of Conservation and Development and also may have been part of the first Plan drafted in 1978.
4. Discussion: Ms. Carlson indicated that she walked the property and is "very much in favor" of the purchase noting it's beauty and river access. Mr. Gelston also voiced support adding that preserving land in the more developed part of town "sends a message to Moodus that we care."
5. Determination: Mr. Tarbox made a motion to send a letter of endorsement to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for the EHLT request for grant money to purchase a conservation easement and fee simple parcel as proposed. Ms. Carlson seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Tarbox made a second motion to send a letter of endorsement to the Town of East Haddam for the EHLT request for grant money to purchase a conservation easement and fee simple parcel as proposed. Ms. Carlson seconded this motion, which was also unanimously approved.
6. Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Thomas to adjourn, second by Mr. Stulman, unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Matthew, Chairwoman