

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE**
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2014
(Not yet approved by the Committee)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE: Will Brady, Chairman (HDC), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Robert Smith (East Haddam Land Trust), Todd Gelston (Conservation Commission), Scot MacKinnon (Agriculture Committee)

ABSENT: Emmett Lyman (Board of Selectmen), Robert Bennett (Board of Finance), Joe Albuquerque (Economic Development Commission), Brad Parker (Park and Recreation), Michael Werner (Board of Education), Ed Gubbins (Planning and Zoning Commission)

OTHERS: James Ventres, Land Use Administrator

3. MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the June 23, 2014 meeting minutes. It was noted that Mr. Gubbins was listed as absent twice. The correction was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Augustiny and carried by unanimous vote.

4. BILLS

Robert Weaver, L.S. (Lefebvre property survey)	\$7475.00
Attorney Poliner	1911.67

The Committee questioned why the bills were so high and why there was a continuous need to revise the Certificate of Title.

A motion was made by Mr. Gelston to ask Attorney Poliner to justify the billings. Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION

A) DEEP grant awards

Mr. Ventres updated the Committee on the existing approved properties:

Zeiller and Pages – the information has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

Harris – the revised Certificate of Title has been forwarded to the DEEP.

Dean – there is a conflict between the Town's conservation easement and the State's. Mr. Ventres stated that he would discuss the changes with the Dean family.

Lefebvre – Robert Weaver, L.S., has completed the survey. Attorney Fritz Gahagan will shepherd the legal end of the filings and closing for the Nature Conservancy and the Town.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) Potential Property Review

A motion to enter into Executive Session and to invite Mr. Ventres, Land Use Administrator to join them was made by Mr. Smith. Seconded by Mr. MacKinnon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to exit out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Smith. Seconded by Mrs. Augustiny and carried by unanimous vote.

No votes were taken. No decisions were made.

The Committee had an extensive discussion on the impact of the proposed Agriculture Committee project to build the kitchen and the misconception that the area under proposal is not open space.

The Committee agreed that there is a shortage of ways to get information out to Town residents, but the next presentation has to have all of the answers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. MacKinnon and carried by unanimous vote.

