

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2014
(Not yet approved by the Committee)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE: Will Brady, Chairman (HDC), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Emmett Lyman (Board of Selectmen), Ed Gubbins (Planning and Zoning Commission), Lori Alt (Board of Education), Robert Bennett (Board of Finance), Robert Smith (East Haddam Land Trust).

ABSENT: Todd Gelston (Conservation Commission), Scot MacKinnon (Agriculture Committee), Joe Albuquerque (Economic Development Commission).

OTHERS: James Ventres, Land Use Administrator

3. MINUTES: Due to a lack of Quorum from the last scheduled meeting there were no minutes to review.

4. BILLS: None

5. DISCUSSION

A) DEEP grant awards: James Ventres reported that there has been no word on the recent state grant submittals.

B) Property reports:

Zeiller and Pages Properties – Reimbursements have been received for these properties.

Harris Property – Final paper work has been submitted to the State DEEP.

Dean Property – The state has expressed the desire to use their version of the conservation easement. A copy was forwarded to Peter Dean and His family to review.

Trowbridge Road Property – James Ventres presented a proposal from a property owner on Trowbridge Road in which he would like to exchange 20,000 sq/ft of property with the town. The exchange would allow him to have a squared up piece of property and the town would benefit in the following three ways:

1. The exchange would allow access from Trowbridge Road to the east side of the middle school property.
2. The buses would be able to have a proper turn around at the town line.
3. An ancient foundation would be part of the town property.

After discussion, the committee agreed that it would be a beneficial exchange.

- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Robert Smith made a motion to go into executive session and invite James Ventres (Land Use Administrator). The motion was seconded by Ed Gubbins and carried unanimously.

Robert Bennett made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Robert Smith and carried unanimously.

No motions or decisions were made.

Moodus Reservoir Watershed Property – A motion was made by Robert Smith to authorize a restrictive appraisal of a property in the Moodus Reservoir Watershed. The motion was seconded by Robert Bennett and carried unanimously.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Robert Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. The motion was seconded by Ed Gubbins and carried unanimously.