

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE**
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2015
(Not yet approved by the Committee)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Will Brady called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Will Brady, Chairman (HDC), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Todd Gelston (Conservation Commission), Robert Bennett (Board of Finance), Robert Smith (East Haddam Land Trust), Emmett Lyman (Board of Selectman), and Tiffany Quinn for Mary Colpoys (Park & Recreation).

ABSENT: Ed Gubbins (Planning and Zoning Commission, Scot MacKinnon (Agriculture Committee), Joe Albuquerque (Economic Development Commission), and Laurie Alt (Board of Education)

OTHERS: James Ventres, Land Use Administrator

3. **MINUTES:** No minutes were presented at this meeting.

4. **BILLS:** None

5. **DISCUSSION**

- A) **DEEP grant awards:**

1. **Lena Property:** James Ventres reported that the town meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2015 and the referendum on March 24, 2015.

2. **Zelesnicki Property:** James Ventres reported that the town meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2015 and the referendum on March 24, 2015.

3. **Lefebvre Property:** The final paperwork is being reviewed by The Nature Conservancy.

4. **Dean Property:** The review of the legal documents is in the hands of the state.

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 Mary Augustiny and carried unanimously.

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

No motions or decisions were made.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Land Trust Grant: A motion was made by Emmett Lyman to write a letter in support of the East Haddam Land Trust's grant application on the Bloch property. The motion was seconded by Mary Augustiny and carried unanimously.

B) Disc Golf: Tiffany Quinn noted that the Recreation Commission and the Nathan Hale Ray Agricultural Education Department are coordinating efforts to create a disc golf course on the Nichols Property. Robert Smith and Todd Gelston expressed concerns about the overall impact of the foot traffic. James Ventres stated that the wetlands could be avoided or crossed in the narrow areas with little impact. Tiffany Quinn said the Recreation Department would like to group activities in one location to provide parents options. It was decided a field walk was needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. The motion was seconded by Emmett Lyman and carried unanimously.