

**Town of Colchester  
Open Space Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of virtual meeting  
Regular Meeting of 2/14/22**

**Members Present:** Chairman Will Hochholzer, Vice Chairman Ted Fuini, Kris Barnard, BOS Liaison Rosemary Coyle and Town Staff Jay Gigliotti

**Members Absent:** Mary Stevens, Lindsay Floyd

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Will Hochholzer called the 2/14/22 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. **Citizens Comments:** None

3. **Approval of the 1/10/22 Meeting Minutes:**

Kris Barnard motioned to approve the 1/10/22 OSAC meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Ted Fuini. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Open Space:**

**A. Sablitz Open Space Property- Middletown Road**

Jay Gigliotti explained he had been contacted by students in the UCONN wildlife major program. The students inquired if the town would be willing to participate in a wildlife management plan (WMP) for a town owned property. The WMP would be prepared by the students at no cost to the town. UCONN students completed a WMP plan for the Ruby Cohen Woodlands in 2021. Jay Gigliotti explained the Ruby Cohen Woodlands WMP is a valuable resource. The OSAC discussed potential properties for UCONN to complete a WMP. It was determined the newly acquired Sablitz open space property on Middletown Road would be a great fit. Jay Gigliotti explained that since the Town has not developed trails or parking on the lot, that the WMP on this property would be extremely beneficial.

**Motion made by Kris Barnard to recommend the UCONN students complete a wildlife management plan on the Sablitz open space property, to the Colchester Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Ted Fuini. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

5. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:**

Election of Officers was tabled until a full OSAC membership was present.

A budget forum will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 630pm. OSAC members discussed the need for additional open space funding and providing public comment at the forum. Jay Gigliotti will send out a reminder in advance of the forum.

The OSAC discussed the potential for holding person meetings at the library or at the Fish & Game Club. Jay Gigliotti will check and report back to the committee.

6. **Adjournment**

**Ted Fuini motioned to adjourn the Regular 2/14/22 Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Seconded by Kris Barnard. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Will Hochholzer adjourned the February 14, 2022 OSAC Meeting at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Gigliotti

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