



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

COLCHESTER OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Monday, March 13, 2023 Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chairman William Hochholzer, Jr., Ted Fuini, Mary Stevens, Kris Barnard and Alexis Devlin; Town Staff Carol Szymanski; Sarah Smith-Levine attended as an observer and Gayle Fuini as a Committee member.

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1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Will Hochholzer called the 3/13/23 meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Citizens Comments: Sarah Smith-Levine introduced herself to the Committee and stated her interest in becoming a full member. She has already attended a Board of Selectmen meeting and needed to attend the Committee meeting to observe before the full BOS can appoint her. Committee members welcomed Ms. Smith-Levine and hoped she would join the Committee.
3. Approval Minutes: Commissioner Fuini made the motion and Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Open Space: Discussion of Edgewood Drive (lot #14A-15). The Committee studied the subdivision map that was filed on the land records circa 1981 and asked if the developer had been paying taxes on the property since the town never received the deed for the property to take it over as open space. Commissioner Devlin stated that she would do some research in the land records to see if a title did exist and do some historical research to find if the lot was deemed unbuildable at the time of subdivision. The Committee agreed that any action on this potential open space parcel should be tabled to the next meeting when more information is available.
5. Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:
 - A. The Chairman reminded everyone that the three lectures at the library being co-sponsored by the Committee are coming up soon. Members were asked to advertise the events on their social media pages and other means.
 - B. Staff noted that Arbor Day is approaching and the town will celebrate the day with a proclamation and the planting of a tree, possibly on town hall property. Members were encouraged to attend if they could.
 - C. The Chairman asked if the Norton Park Committee was still accepting memorial plaques for a former member of the Open Space Advisory Committee who had passed away.
 - D. The Committee discussed whether open space can be required for development of apartments.
6. Adjournment: Commissioner Fuini made the motion and Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion to end the meeting. Motion passed unanimously (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Szymanski