



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

COLCHESTER OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6 p.m. Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Will Hochholzer called the 4/10/23 meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Citizens Comments: None.
3. Approval Minutes: Commissioner Barnard made the motion and Commissioner Fuini seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Open Space: Discussion of Edgewood Drive (lot #14A-15). Commissioner Devlin reported that she met with Town Clerk and the deed to the open space parcel could not be located. Members were in agreement that Committee most likely would like to sell the open space property eventually and use the money to purchase land for use as open space since this small parcel is not suitable for the public to park and visit and use in any meaningful way. Commissioner Barnard made the motion and Commissioner Fuini seconded the motion to write a letter to the Board of Selectman asking that a formal title search be performed so that the town could eventually take title to the parcel and possibly sell the parcel. The Chairman agreed to write the letter to the BOS.
5. Discussion open space parcel on Middletown Road: Naming of the parcel protocols still being drafted and revised by BOS, but more than likely 100 electors must sign petition to name a property. No action taken on this item.
6. Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:
 - A. Staff sent DECD a request for \$13,750 in additional funding to cover costs incurred by owners of property to address significant environmental hazards found on the site as result of Phase II study.
 - B. Chairman asked that staff place ESRI mapping capability on the agenda for next month.
7. Adjournment: Commissioner Fuini made the motion and Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion to end the meeting. Motion passed unanimously (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Szymanski

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