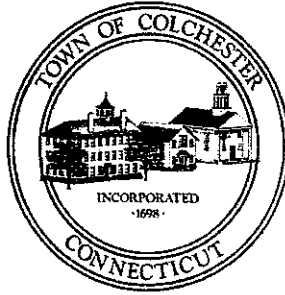


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COLCHESTER OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue

Members Present: Chairman William Hochholzer; Jr., Kris Barnard, Mary Stevens, Saran Smith Levine, and Alexis Devlin; Rosemary Coyle (BOS Liaison); Town Staff Carol Szymanski.

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Will Hochholzer called the 7/10/23 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Citizens Comments: None.
3. Approval Minutes: Commissioner Barnard made the motion and Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Discussion of update of 2006 Open Space Plan and open space section in POCD: Chairman asked members to read over the 2006 Open Space plan which is the document the Committee will be working on updating over the next few months. The four page section of the POCD which discusses open space will not be updated by the Committee at this time. Commissioner Smith Levine recommended the Committee explore doing a survey via survey monkey to get public input on open space support and priorities.
5. Discussion open space parcel on Middletown Road: Protocols for naming an open space parcel are in place and approved by BOS. Construction on the open space parking lot begins this week. Line of sight will be improved and trees will be cut and the work should be completed in two months' time.
6. Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:
 - A. BOS received \$47,000 from the state for nip bottle returns. Input from Commissions will be sought on best use of this money intended for solid waste reduction and beautification projects.
 - B. Commission Levine Smith reported that she is exploring finding a host for the ESRI mapping program for the town land use office for mapmaking support as the Assessor already has this support in place.
7. Adjournment: Commissioner Stevens made the motion and Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion to end the meeting. Motion passed unanimously (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Szymanski

WILLIAM HOCHHOLZER, JR.
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