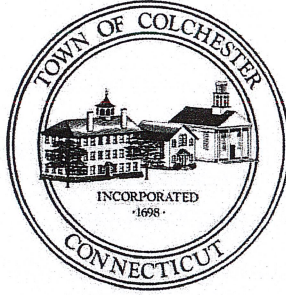


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OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Conference Room 1 and via Zoom

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Members Present: Chairman William Hochholzer Jr., Alexis Devlin, Sarah Smith-Levine, Mary Stevens, Ted Fuini, Rosemary Coyle (BOS Liaison), Wetlands Agent Daniel Hickey

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Kris Barnard

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order** - W. Hochholzer Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM
2. **Additions to Agenda** - None
2. **Citizen Comments** - None
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - S. Smith Levine made the motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2023, seconded by A. Devlin. Motion Passed (3-0). M. Stevens and T. Fuini abstained.
4. **Discussion of Update of 2006 Open Space Plan**
 - A. Open Space Survey - Review survey questions - The Committee reviewed and discussed the questions compiled by D. Hickey. The committee chose what questions could be removed or combined to shorten the overall length of the survey. T. Fuini brought up that hunting grounds / activities be included in the survey, the Committee agreed. The structure and order of the questions was then discussed, along with the inclusion of mentioning outside organizations involved with Colchester's Open Space. The Committee then discussed possible time frames in which the survey would be released to the public and landed on aiming for late April 2024.
5. **Discussion of Open Space Parcel on Middletown Road (former Sablitz Property)**
 - A. Naming Petition - Review petition language - D. Hickey brought to the Committees attention of the existence of a "Pine Brook Preserve" in East Hampton, to keep the Committee apprised before moving forward with the naming process. The Committee agreed that "Pine Brook Preserve" will remain the name of choice for the Open Space parcel located on Middletown Rd.

6. Any Other Business Deemed Necessary

A. Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act - Open Space Acquisition Funding - D. Hickey informed the Committee about the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act and its potential to provide funding to Open Space acquisition.

7. Adjournment - M. Stevens made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Smith-Levine. Motion passed (5-0) meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Hickey, Wetlands Agent