

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 10th, 2012
Colchester Town Hall 6:00 PM
Special Meeting Minutes (Amended)

Members Present: Chairman Nick Norton, Vice Chairman Jay Gigliotti, Adam Turner, Ted Fuini, BOS Liaison Rosemary Coyle

Others Present: Stephen Coyle

Members Absent: William Hochholzer, John Henley

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Norton called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the March 13th, 2012 Meeting Minutes:**
A. Turner motioned to approve the March 13th, 2012 minutes. Seconded by T. Fuini. All Members voted in Favor. **Motion Carried**
4. **Land Acquisitions:**
 - a. **Open Space Purchase**

A. Turner informed the committee that the Town was looking at a piece of agricultural land to purchase. He stated that the parcel was currently being reviewed by the Agricultural Commission and they had not finished their review. The Agricultural Commission asked Mr. Turner to hold off on speaking about the purchase to the Committee at this Meeting. A. Turner stated that the Agriculture Commission had their next meeting on Monday, April 17th, 2012. A. Turner motioned to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012 at 6pm, to discuss the potential open space purchase. Seconded by T. Fuini. All members present voted in Favor. **Motion Carried.**

5. Open Space Plan Review:

a. Land Valuation

A. Turner distributed copies of a memo concerning Open Space Criteria. Last month the Open Space Advisory Committee discussed the acquisition of small parcels of open space through the subdivision process. The Committee agreed that the acquisition process needs to be more strategic. The memo was reviewed and discussed; topics included minimum acreage, fee in lieu, connections to other open space parcels, natural resource protection and recreational opportunities. T. Fuini stated that he felt the memo was well developed and that he agreed with the recommendations put forth within it. R. Coyle asked what the procedure is if the developer of the subdivision did not want to give a fee in lieu of land. Discussion followed on what the process is for fee in lieu scenarios. Chairman N. Norton asked about fee in lieu as a regulation

vs a Town Ordinance and whether or not the memos recommendations would require a regulation change. Discussion followed.

A. Turner motioned to use the principles within the hand-out to develop and send a memo to the Conservation Commission stating the findings. Seconded by T. Fuini. All members present voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:** None

7. **Adjournment**

A. Turner Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Fuini. All Members voted in favor. **Motion carried.** Chairman N. Norton adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm

Respectively submitted,
Jay Gigliotti