

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 14, 2015
Colchester Town Hall 6:00 PM
Special Meeting

Members Present: Chairman Nick Norton, William Hochholzer, Mary Stevens, Ted Fuini
B.O.S. Liaison Rosemary Coyle

Members Absent: None

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

T. Fuini motioned to approve the September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by M. Stevens.
All Members voted in favor. Motion Carried

4. **Open Space:**

A. Open Space Funding Updates:

J. Gigliotti explained several "Fee in Lieu of Open Space" payments had been made from land development applications. These payments have worked to replenish the funds in the town's "Open Space Fee in Lieu" account which had been utilized for the purchase of the Moroch property. If the town was to combine these funds with the proper grant program, the town could potentially make another important Open Space land acquisition.

B. Open Space Planning:

J. Gigliotti explained the zoning officer and himself have been actively searching for grants available that could be used in conjunction with the funds available in the Open Space accounts. A list of these grants shall be populated and prioritized by the P&Z Dept. staff. At the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting, J. Gigliotti will provide several Open Space Maps for discussion and identification of priority properties for Open Space Acquisition.

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5. Any Other Business Deemed Necessary

A. Election of Officers

Chairman Norton explained that per the Open Space Advisory Committee's By-Laws, the committee must elect a Chairman and a Deputy-Chairman each year at the Regular Meeting in October. Meetings were not held in October or November, so the elections were being conducted at the December meeting.

Nominations for Chairman

M. Stevens Nominated Mr. Nick Norton for Chairman, Seconded by W. Hochholzer. **All Members voted in favor. Motion Carried**

Nominations for Deputy-Chairman

M. Stevens Nominated Will Hochholzer for Deputy-Chairman, Seconded by T. Fuini. **All Members voted in favor. Motion Carried**

B. Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule

The committee needed to formally approve 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule.

T. Fuini motioned to approve the 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule of the Open Space Advisory Committee, Seconded by W. Hochholzer. **All Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

6. Adjournment

T. Fuini motioned to adjourn, Seconded by M. Stevens. All Members voted in Favor. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman N. Norton Adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gigliotti