Open Space Committee

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Chairman

Open space areas within the town of East Haddam have been and continue to be a diminishing resource. Open space areas are considered a valuable asset to the community. It is recognized that there is a need to obtain additional open space areas in order to meet future recreational needs, to preserve agricultural lands, to protect natural resource areas and to maintain the town's quality of life. The Committee has recommended several key parcels that have been purchased. The Committee will continue to actively review possible acquisitions of additional key parcels. The Committee identifies and quantifies potential parcels for open space preservation and the Land Use Administrator acts as liaison for the Committee with property owners, appraisers, attorneys, real estate agents and partners such as the State and The Nature Conservancy. The Committee prepares grant applications and materials for public presentations.

Staffing

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
Recording Secretary	Hourly	5 hours annually	Non-Union

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- Continued investigation of critical properties in the town.
- Continued to work with partners to preserve open space.
- Continued to evaluate town parcels for potential purchases or easements.
- Received the CT DEEP grant for the 95 acre Kronberg parcel located on North Moodus Road and closed on the property.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Goals

- Continued investigation of critical properties in the town.
- Continued to work with partners to preserve open space.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)	FY 2026 ($ Change)
Expense Objects								
Salaries & Wages								
CLERICAL (RECORDING SECRETARY)	10541991-51540		$86	$100	$500	$400	400%	$400
Total Salaries & Wages:			**$86**	**$100**	**$500**	**$400**	**400%**	**$400**
Purchased Professional Services								
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES	10541991-53300		$0	$250	$500	$250	100%	$250
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (APPRAISAL/SURVEY)	10541991-53400	$15,050	$0	$3,000	$5,000	$2,000	66.7%	$2,000
Total Purchased Professional Services:		**$15,050**	**$0**	**$3,250**	**$5,500**	**$2,250**	**69.2%**	**$2,250**
Purchased Other Services								
POSTAGE (ENVELOPES)	10541991-55301	$54	$0	$50	$0	-$50	-100%	-$50
Total Purchased Other Services:		**$54**	**$0**	**$50**	**$0**	**-$50**	**-100%**	**-$50**
Supplies								
SUPPLIES	10541991-56010		$0	$100	$0	-$100	-100%	-$100
SIGNAGE	10541991-x7703			$1,000	$0	-$1,000	-100%	-$1,000
Total Supplies:			**$0**	**$1,100**	**$0**	**-$1,100**	**-100%**	**-$1,100**
Capital Assets								
SIGNAGE	10541991-57703		$0	$0	$2,000	$2,000	N/A	$2,000
Total Capital Assets:			**$0**	**$0**	**$2,000**	**$2,000**	**N/A**	**$2,000**
Total Expense Objects:		**$15,104**	**$86**	**$4,500**	**$8,000**	**$3,500**	**77.8%**	**$3,500**