TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021
(Not yet approved by the Committee)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**: Rob Smith (Board of Selectman), Mary Colpoys (East Haddam Land Trust), Tracy Ginder-Delventhal (Board of Education) (Via Phone), Susan Kinsman (Planning and Zoning Commission), and Marilyn Gleeson (Conservation Commission).

   ABSENT: Will Brady, Chairman (HDC), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Harvey Thomas (Board of Finance), Joe Albuquerque (Economic Development Commission), Laurie Alt (Parks & Recreation), and Vacancy (Ag Commission).

   OTHERS: James Ventres, Land Use Administrator

3. **MINUTES:** None

4. **BILLS:** None

5. **DISCUSSION:**

   Mr. Ventres noted that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) notified him and Selectman Smith that there would be an Open Space and Watershed Acquisition grant award meeting via zoom on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 10:00 am. We were also told that we would receive an update on the status of the grant prior to the meeting. So far there has been no communication.

   If the grant is awarded the process of boards and commission presentations would start. The presentations will include the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and the Planning and Zoning Commission to confirm that the parcel meets the goals of the plan of Conservation and Development. Eventually the acquisition would go to a town referendum. It was noted that the East Haddam Land Trust has sent educational materials to the public and that the town would publish the total cost and facts about the parcel.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Ms. Colpys to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gleeson and carried by unanimous vote.