TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021
(Not yet approved by the Committee)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**: Rob Smith (Board of Selectman), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Mary Colpoys (East Haddam Land Trust), Harvey Thomas (Board of Finance).

   ABSENT: Joe Albuquerque (Economic Development Commission), Laurie Alt (Parks & Recreation), Tracey Ginder-Delventhal (Board of Education), Susan Kinsman (Planning & Zoning), Laurie Alt (Park & Recreation), Marilyn Gleeson (Conservation Commission), Joseph Albuquerque (Economic & Development Commission).

   OTHERS: James Ventres, Land Use Administrator

3. **MINUTES:**

   Ms. Augustiny made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 26, 2021, regular meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Colpoys and passed by unanimous vote with Mr. Harvey Thomas abstaining.

4. **BILLS:** None

5. **DISCUSSION:**

   A. The Committee discussed the October 5th vote for the 124-acre parcel on O'Connell Road Extension. It was noted that this parcel met all the criteria of the Open Space Ordinance and the Plan of Conservation and Development. It is at the hind waters of the Eight Mile River Watershed. It is located in the important bird habitat area and is part of a contiguous forest that runs from Hamburg Cove through Lyme, Salem, East Haddam, Colchester, East Hampton and Marlborough. The total area is 20,000 to 25,000 acres.

   B. Letter of Support - East Haddam Land Trust Open Space Grant application, Diana K. Saunders Estate, 68 acres located between Honey Hill Pond and Hedlund Road. It was noted that 2/3rds of the property is in the Roaring Brook Watershed and 1/3rd was in the Eight Mile River Watershed. Robert Smith said that a state geologist informed him that the Honey Hill Fault is right along the road, and it would provide an opportunity for outdoor education.

A Motion was made by Harvey Thomas to submit a letter of support from the Open space Committee for the East Haddam Land Trust grant application. The motion was seconded by Robert Smith and carried by unanimous vote.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

7. **ADJOURNMENT: Robert Smith** ***made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Harvey Thomas and carried by unanimous vote.***

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Magri