East Haddam Open Space Committee
Land Use Office
Special Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the East Haddam Open Space Committee was called to order by Mr. Brady at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Will Brady (HDC), Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Harvey W. Thomas (BOF), Susan Kinsman (P&Z), Travis Goodie (REC)
Members Absent: Tracey Ginder Delventhal (BOE), Theresa Govert (BOS), Andrew Compagno (EHLT), Thom Delventhal (CONS), Jessica Stone (EDC)
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes as this is a special meeting.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Discussion

A. Bond Authorization

Mr. Thomas reminded the group that when the Board of Finance was approached regarding the Kronberg property purchase, Mr. Ventres provided the Board of Finance with an update on the remaining bond authorization. Mr. Thomas has met with the Chair of the Board of Finance to discuss the possibility of re-authorizing the $5M bond authorization, which she did not have an issue with. Regarding the special Board of Finance meeting to discuss the rejected budget, the opportunity did not arise to discuss any new bond authorization.

Mr. Ventres reiterated getting an end of summer or September referendum to get the bond authorization renewed. The East Haddam Land Trust has offered to send out flyers and educational information to the towns people to provide an overview of the bond authorization and the referendum information.

Mr. Harvey asked that the scoring sheet be included for people to reference.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to send a $5M new bond authorization request for open space for review to the Board of Finance. Seconded by Ms. Kinsman, unanimously approved.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette, Recording Secretary