East Haddam Open Space Committee
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Open Space Committee was called to order by Mr. Brady at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Will Brady (HDC), Harvey W. Thomas (BOF), Joe Sina (CONS), Susan Kinsman (P&Z), Andrew Compagno (EHLT), Tanya Bourgoin (BOS)
Members Absent: Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Jessica Stone (EDC), Travis Goodie (REC)
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes

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A motion by Mr. Thomas to accept the November 27, 2023, minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kinsman and unanimously approved. Ms. Bourgoin abstained.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Discussion

a. Scheduled for Open Space Bond Vote and the Kronberg Property

The Town Meeting on the topic was not hugely attended and the Public Hearing had a large number of people in attendance. The upcoming vote was posted and put into the paper as per notification.
Discussion ensued related to what the public sentiment was. There was not much public resistance. Ms. Bourgoin noted she received several questions on what the bonding was really about and when she explained the concept to them, they better understood what the Town is looking to accomplish.
Discussion ensued related to the voting hours.
Discussion ensued related to the various questions that arose to the members of the Commission.
Ms. Bourgoin noted that 20 acres of Kronberg is open field, which supports pollinators.

b. January 30, 2024 Referendum

The referendum is going to be held next Tuesday and Mr. Brady reminded everyone to get out and vote. Ms. Kinsman noted that there is an opportunity to submit an absentee ballot which can be received from the Town Clerk.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Sina to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bourgoin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary