East Haddam Open Space Committee
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2025

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), Susan Kinsman (P&Z), Andrew Compagno (EHLT), Joe Sina (CONS), Randy Dill (IWWC)
Members Absent: Marc Pissciotti (BOE), Jessica Stone (EDC), Harvey W. Thomas (BOF), Tanya Bourgoin (BOS), Travis Goodie (REC)
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion by Ms. Kinsman to accept the January 27, 2025, minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Sina and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Discussion
   a. Sprecher Property Exchange

      Mr. Ventres noted that the exchange is in the midst of getting all the paperwork into place. The goal is to exchange a piece of property on the far east side with Mr. Sprecher to connect Harris across to Dean and then to the Hatch Lot. This left a piece of property that used to be used as access and was left out of the Harris purchase. It is a no dollar transfer but will require a town meeting. It will provide an exceptionally long connecting trail.

   b. Kronberg Property – Update

      Mr. Ventres noted that there is additional title insurance needed for DEEP. The Town owns the land and most of the land has been marked. An access point needs to be provided but it cannot be from the school property next to the school. The school is now putting up signs around the active school perimeter saying there is no public access during school hours. There is the ability to provide public access outside the active school area. The Conservation Commission is interested in marking trails. Mr. Ventres can provide topography maps to the CC if they would like them. There is an old road bed on North Moodus Road that they are going to try to reopen for access to preserve the fields.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Dill made a motion to go out of executive session, seconded by Ms. Kinsman, no motions or decisions made, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Dill made a motion to schedule a field walk on a property in the central-southeast corner of the town, seconded by Ms. Kinsman and unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Sina to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinsman and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary