East Haddam Open Space Committee
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 25, 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), Randy Dill (IWWC), Harvey W. Thomas (BOF), Travis Goodie (REC), Andrew Compagno (EHLT), Joe Sina (CONS), Tanya Bourgoin (BOS)
Members Absent: Susan Kinsman (P&Z), Marc Pissciotti (BOE), Jessica Stone (EDC)
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes

Under Section 6., the last motion, change *approval* to *appraisal*
Under Section 7., change *Goodis* to *Goodie*.
Under Section 2., Members absent, change *Mary Augustiny* to *Randy Dill*

A motion by Mr. Sina to accept the June 23, 2025, minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved. Ms. Bourgoin, Mr. Dill and Mr. Compagno abstained.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Discussion

a. Sprecher Property Exchange

Mr. Ventres refreshed everyone's memory as to what the property exchange is for which is to connect to Dean and Parker Road. The value to Mr. Sprecher is that he will now have legal ownership of the access road that he has been using. There are two different pieces that the Town will be getting with the exchange. There is a 20 foot section that will need to be addressed due to the proximity to the livestock on the nearby farm. The next step is for a Town Meeting to be scheduled to review the exchange and receive public comments. It will be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dill to move ahead with a Town Meeting for the approval for the exchange. Seconded by Ms. Bourgoin and unanimously approved.

b. Kronberg Property – Update

Mr. Ventres is still waiting for one more piece of paperwork for the Kronberg property. He's also waiting for additional information from the attorney for the Hayward Lot. There will not be hunting of any kind as it is near the school and a large portion of it is used for agriculture.

6. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Thomas to enter executive session and invite Mr. Ventres and the Recording Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Dill and unanimously approved.

A motion to go out of executive session was made by Mr. Dill and seconded by Mr. Sina and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the town purchase the Dale King property which consists of 10.262 acres on Sheepskin Hollow South for $15,000.00 and recommend the property be named "Urban Farm Nature Preserve" as Mr. King requested; seconded by Mr. Travis and unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Dill to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goodie and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary