East Haddam Open Space Committee
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026

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), Susan Kinsman (P&Z), Andrew Compagno (EHLT), Travis Goodie (REC)
Members Absent: Mary Augustiny (IWWC), Joe Sina (CONS), Thomas Sevigny (BOS), Jessica Stone (EDC)
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. August 25, 2025 Minutes

Under Executive Session in the motion from Mr. *Travis* to Mr. *Goodie*.

A motion by Mr. Goodie to accept the August 25, 2025, minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously approved. Ms. Kinsman abstained.

   b. March 23, 2026 Minutes

Remove the extra space between 7: 52 to make it ready 7:52.

A motion by Ms. Kinsman to accept the March 23, 2026, minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Dill and unanimously approved. Mr. Brady abstained.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Discussion
   a. Sprecher Property Exchange

Mr. Ventres went to the Selectmen's meeting at the beginning of April and received approval to talk with the Town attorney about holding a Town meeting.

   b. Kronberg Property – Update

Mr. Ventres called the Town attorney again to get the necessary paperwork to get reimbursed from the State. He noted that right now he is running into issues with the amount of work that

the attorney (and other attorneys and surveyors also) has, which is causing a delay in getting information back. The only thing needed on this open space purchase is the last piece of paperwork.
Also, he is working with Public Works to build an entrance and parking lot that is separate from the Middle School entrance road and parking lots. To avoid concern about public access during school hours, the new parking area will be off the school property. The 2nd entrance will be from North Moodus Road to accommodate usage from the campground. He has also been in communications with the owner to transfer a 2-acre parcel that's predominantly wetlands which would enable connection from the Middle School through Kronberg, through this 2-acre piece and then to Hidden Valley once Clark Gates Road is crossed. The only cost of the new 2-acre parcel is the attorney writing up the paperwork.

c. King Property Update

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6. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Goodie to enter into executive session and invite the Land Use Officer and the Recording Secretary to remain present. Seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Brady and unanimously approved.

No motions made, no votes taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Dill to engage Mr. Ventres to set up a field walk for potential property in the Moodus area. Seconded by Mr. Goodie and unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary