

TOWN OF NEWINGTON
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

March 12, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Town Hall - Rm L100

AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. ANNUAL MEETING

Documents:

[TP MEMO RE ANNUAL MEETING 12MAR2020.PDF](#)

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Documents:

[OSC MINUTES 12SEP2019.DOCX](#)

- VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Eagle Scout Project On Cedar Mountain

Documents:

[TP MEMO RE OLD HIGHWAY 12MAR2020.PDF](#)

- B. Status Of New Plan Of Conservation And Development

- VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- VIII. ADJOURN

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Town Planner

To: Open Space Committee
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: March 4, 2020
Subject: Annual Meeting for 2020

These items were on the December 2019 agenda, but the meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

1. Elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and a Secretary for 2020.

Self-explanatory. At the moment there are only three members, so it looks like everyone is a winner!

2. Approve the Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2020.

There are no holidays on the second Thursday of any month in 2020 so approval of the calendar will be simple. The Committee meets quarterly.

Open Space Committee: 2020 Meeting Dates

Meets Quarterly on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room L-101

		March 12	
	June 11		
Sept. 10			Dec. 10
		March 11, 2021	

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NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Chairman Bernadette Conway called the regular meeting of the Newington Open Space Committee to order at 6:30 pm in Room L-101 of Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Bernadette Conway
Commissioner Sharon Dunning
Commissioner Gail Budrejko

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Chris Miner
Commissioner Carol Wojtowicz

Town Staff Present:

Town Planner Craig Minor

I. ROLL CALL

The presence of the above members was noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dunning made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Budrejko. All were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 13, 2019

Chairman Conway made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dunning. All were in favor except Budrejko (abstained).

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Trees at Indian Hill Country Club

Town Planner Minor said that he has not spoken to the country club management about the trees that were removed and the ones that are slated to be removed. Chairman Conway said that it would be good to get a final report on this issue. Commissioner Dunning asked if it was possible that there were any historically-significant trees on the grounds, such as a descendent of the Charter Oak. Mr. Minor said he would look into that.

c. Old Highway on Cedar Ridge

Town Planner Minor reported that the land underneath Old Highway is in fact Town-owned and not just an easement. Chairman Conway asked him to draft a letter from the Committee to the Town Manager, asking her to tell the Humane Society to stop discouraging the public from using this Town-owned resource.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Budrejko mentioned that Town-owned trees seem to be a hot topic on Facebook these days – the Charter Oak; the tree on Main Street at Goldburgers; on Hartt Street; etc. She asked if the Town Tree Warden could come to the next meeting to discuss this. Mr. Minor suggested that the Tree Warden be asked to send the Committee a memo explaining what his duties are. If the Committee still wants to meet with him after that he could be invited to the next meeting.

Chairman Conway said that she and several other Committee members attended the POCD workshop meeting on August 29, and that it was very good. She asked Mr. Minor if the items that the Committee had discussed at the special meeting in July had been forwarded to Glenn Chalder. Mr. Minor replied “yes” but that he would double-check. Chairman Conway also asked Mr. Minor to make sure that a copy of the POCD “Briefing Booklet” dealing with open space issues is sent to each Open Space Committee member.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Dunning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Budrejko. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Minor, AICP
Town Planner

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To: Open Space Committee
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: March 4, 2020
Subject: Eagle Scout Project on Cedar Mountain

A Newington Eagle Scout by the name of Noah Therrien, with the assistance of his father David, has proposed an Eagle Scout project for Cedar Mountain. It is being vetted and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The project consists of three parts:

1. **Map:** They propose to prepare a map showing the various trails across Cedar Mountain. I advised them to coordinate this with Tilcon, since some of those trails are on Tilcon property.
2. **Bollards:** They proposed to installed approximately six bollards (four along the side of the trail at specific locations, and two at specific sites in the area formerly-known as the Marcap Parcel), each with information about that location and a unique Google “Plus Code” which causes it to show up in a GPS map.
3. **Signs:** They propose to have professionally-made signs at the east end of Old Highway and the west end. They are aware that the Humane Society’s pet cemetery appears to have encroached into the Old Highway near the east end of the path (Old Highway) and I believe they intend to discuss this with the Humane Society. The Parks and Recreation Department is also aware of the issue.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Bill DeMaio asked me to make the Open Space Committee aware of this project.

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