

**NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022**

Chairman Bernadette Conway called the regular meeting of the Newington Open Space Committee to order at 6:30 pm in Town Council Chambers, Room 103 of the Newington Town Hall, 200 Cedar Street, Newington, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Bernadette Conway
Gail Budrejko
Sandra Austin Goldstein
Gia Pascarelli

Commissioners Absent:

Mitch Page

Town Staff Present:

Renata Bertotti, Town Planner
Erik S. Hinckley, Asst. Town Planner / ZEO
Sonia Richmond, Grant Specialist
Keith Chapman, Town Manager

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I. ROLL CALL

The presence of the above members was noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Pascarelli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Austin, and approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 14, 2022

Commissioner Pascarelli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Austin, and approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Prioritization of Open Space Properties for Potential Land Acquisition

Town Planner Bertotti and Asst. Planner Hinckley made a presentation of an updated prior list that was drafted by the OSC. The list was for potential targeted properties to be acquired by the Town. That list of various properties was discussed amongst the commission members and Town staff. Town Manager Chapman answered questions about the acquisition process and Grant Specialist Richmond discussed potential grant opportunities that may be available. The Commission identified a few different pieces of property for possible acquisition and asked that the Town Manager to discuss with the Town Council to get a clearer direction. Town staff will provide the OSC with an updated list in the near future for their review and input. The Commission decided to meet again at their regularly scheduled meeting in October.

b. Requested POCD Reference Link

The requested link to the POCD document was provided to the Commission members.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioners Budrejko and Conway commented on the updated list.

IX. Adjourn

Commissioner Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pascarelli, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik S. Hinckley
Asst. Town Planner / ZEO