

## Town of Hamden

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**THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following items were reviewed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. Horn, Ms. Larke, Mr. McManus, Mr. Bell

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Doheny, Mr. Balin

Commissioners Excused: Mr. Nista

Others in Attendance: Journalism student from SCSU, Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to order

Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 7:35 and welcomed a journalism student from Southern Connecticut State University as our guest.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review: Minutes of the 11-16-2022 meeting.

**Ms. Larke made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

4. Continuing Business

Properties of interest: Six Lakes Park – it is the desire of this Commission to get Six Lakes Park remediated. There is lots of wildlife on the property according to Mr. Horn. This is the only piece of park land in southern Hamden. Mr. Bell said that he will get an update on the Regional Water Authority's interest in the property, although the property is still owned by Olin Corporation. Mr. Horn said he had asked Olin years ago about remediation, and the response was that they were waiting for the DEEP to help. The price tag for recreational cleanup on the property in the 80's was \$55 million. He isn't sure what the cost of passive remediation would be today, but it could be a quarter of that figure. The Consent Order was issued by the DEEP in 1987. The Natural Resources and Open Space Commission wholeheartedly supports the remediation of Six Lakes Park and wishes to inquire if any progress has been made. Could there be a transfer of the property and to whom. Can the Mayor's Office invite the interested parties to a meeting of this Commission, or to a special Meeting, to see where everything stands and are we moving forward.

Mr. Bell will find out who the contact is at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The last time he spoke to anyone at the DEEP, the person was John Duff. Perhaps the DEEP, the Land Trust, the RWA and the Town of Hamden could be involved. Mr. Horn mentioned that the area would cost much less to remediate for passive recreation. He commented that he used to fish there with his "little Brother". The fish have to be thrown back because of the contamination.

There was discussion on the 50 acres on State Street previously the clay pits. The people that currently own the property are a group of attorneys from Stratford. He wonders if anyone in Town government has been approached by the current owners. Can someone make a call to the current owners? Mr. Horn doesn't think there would be any remediation necessary on the property. The current owners had put in a railroad crossing, but that has been removed.

The Maselli Property

There were no updates on the Maselli Property

Log Cabin Property

There were no updates on the Maselli Property

5. New Business

State Funding

There were no updates on State Funding

The Rosadini Property

There were no updates on the Rosadini Property (260 Brooksvale Road)

6. Adjournment

There was discussion on the eagles near the railroad tracks on State Street. The eggs should hatch this week end. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> brood for these eagles.

**Mr. Bell made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Larke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Gerry Tobin, Meeting Clerk