

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**January 28, 2008**  
**(Not yet approved by the Committee)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Brady at 8:05 p.m. in the River House.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Will Brady (Historic District Commission), Mary Augustiny (Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission), Harvey Thomas (Economic Development Commission), Robert Bennett (Board of Finance), Robert Smith (East Haddam Land Trust), Cynthia Matthews (Conservation Commission), Emmett Lyman (Board of Selectmen, Bernard Gillis (Planning and Zoning Commission), and James Ventres (Land Use Office)

**Absent:** vacant (Board of Education), Brad Parker (Parks and Recreation)

**3. DISCUSSION**

**A. Schedule for 2008**

Mr. Brady stated he filed the schedule out incorrectly and it would be revised. The meetings from January to March would be at 7 pm, April to September at 8 pm, and October to December at 7 pm.

**B. Budget**

Mr. Ventres noted that signs are required by the DEP for properties that are purchased with State funds. This item would be added to the budget. Mr. Bennett recommended transferring some little used lines to balance this year's request. Mr. Brady said the purchase might fall under capitol improvements. Mr. Ventres said he would look at the last three years expenditures to average out the 2008/2009 requests. A draft would be sent by email for everyone's review. The budget submittal is due on February 6th.

**C. EDC letter**

Mr. Brady read into the record a letter from the Economic Development Commission (EDC). They expressed concern that the Open Space Committee maybe looking at preserving commercially zoned properties. The Committee agreed that if such a property were considered, the EDC would be notified of the potential acquisition to discuss the positives and negative impacts. Mr. Brady and Mr. Thomas will work on a formal written response.

#### **D. Agendas**

The Committee agreed that agendas and minutes could be emailed to save mailing as long as they were short documents. Hard copies would be made available at the meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Bennett to go into executive session to discuss potential acquisitions. Seconded by Mrs. Augustiny, and carried by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made Mrs. Augustiny to go out of executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried by unanimous vote. No decisions or motions were made.**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Matthew and carried by unanimous vote.**