

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2008
(Not yet approved by the Committee)**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Brady at 7:05 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 Matthew (Conservation Commission), Emmett Lyman (Board of Selectmen), Bernard Gillis (Planning and Zoning Commission), and James Ventres (Land Use Office), Brian Perry (Board of Education)

Absent: Brad Parker (Parks and Recreation)

Bob Smith and Will Brady noted that the East Haddam Land Trust is holding an informational meeting on land acquisition. David Bingham, a Salem resident and member of the Salem Land Trust is the guest speaker. The meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Mrs. Anita Ballek's home.

3. DISCUSSION

A) Potential property purchase – Executive Session Discussion

A motion was made by Mrs. Augustiny to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by unanimous vote. No votes were taken. No decisions were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett to exit out of executive session. Seconded by Ms. Matthew and carried by unanimous vote

Mr. Thomas noted the discussion of open space was going to be discussed at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

First Selectman Mark Walter arrived at this time.

The Committee members discussed the creation of the open space ordinance, the protocol, and rating system. It was also noted that public outreach is needed. It was recommended that an article be added to the next Town newsletter.

Mr. Thomas stated that he was trying to organize a roundtable discussion with like-minded

environmental organizations within the Town. This would allow everyone to become familiar with each other's goals, objectives, and latest projects. He has set a tentative date of May 10, 2008 at the Moodus Sportsman's Club.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Matthew and carried by unanimous vote.