



Tuesday, November 20, 2024

Municipal Office Building Room #1

1. Call to Order

Mr. Sina called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Joe Sina, Bernie Gillis, Cameron Beard, Barry Bernard, Gary Wilson, and David Walls.

Absent: Susan Pagnano, Alan Ponanski, and John Olin.

2. Alternate Appointments (if necessary)

3. Consideration of Letter of Support for EHLT (Mr. Beard):

Cameron Beard introduced the request for a letter of support for the East Haddam Land Trust's (EHLT) acquisition of a 14.12-acre parcel located on Tater Hill Road. This parcel lies within the Eightmile River Watershed and is significant for wildlife corridors, hydrological resources, and preventing residential development.

A draft letter of support was reviewed and discussed. The letter emphasized the parcel's compatibility with East Haddam's Plan of Conservation and Development, which calls for the preservation of an additional 7,000 acres of open space. The parcel is proposed to connect the EHLT reserves with the 212-acre Lena Reserve.

Motion to approve the draft letter and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the commission.

Beard/Gillis – Passed Unanimously

Mr. Sina will finalize the letter and send it to Mr. Beard for inclusion in the application package.

4. Consideration of Removal of Shed at Winterbrook Open Space Property (Mr. Gillis):

Mr. Gillis introduced a request from a community member to remove an old shed at the Winterbrook Open Space. The individual offered to dismantle and remove it entirely at no cost to the town. The shed, previously used by ATV users, has no foreseeable use by the town and has become an eyesore. The Commission discussed the logistics of the removal and supervision.

Motion to approve the removal of the shed by the requesting party under supervision.

Gillis/Beard – Passed Unanimously

Bernie Gillis will oversee the shed removal process.

5. **Approval of Bills (Mr. Sina):**

Motion to approve the bills as presented:

- Shagbark: \$43.27
- Essex Printing: \$45.39
- STM Embroidery: \$582.48
- Home Depot; fencing for Salmon River Overlook plantings (to Joe Sina): \$209.66
- Smart Sign; signs to indicate Dean property closed to hunting in Nov/Dec (to Cameron Beard): \$292.04

Sina/Beard – Passed Unanimously

6. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Room #1

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Beard/Gillis – Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Ruth Ziobron

Recording Secretary