

APPROVED MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2016

North Haven Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Annex

Committee Members Present:

Hugh Davis (Conservation) (Vice Chairman)
Mark Cofrancesco (Secretary)
Patricia Brown (Board of Finance)
Cheryl Juniewicz (IWC)

Others Present:

Lynn K. Sadosky (Public Works Director)
Laura Magaraci (Zoning Enforcement Officer)

1. The meeting was called to order by Hugh Davis, Vice Chairman at 6:01 P.M.
2. Cheryl Juniewicz motioned to approve the December 3, 2015 Minutes of Meeting as presented, seconded by Patricia Brown, all were in favor.
3. Committee members requested an update on the proposed Capital Bonding Package for the purchase of Open Space. Lynn Sadosky stated that she had met with Selectman Freda prior to the Advisory Committee Meeting and that Selectman Freda shared with her that the FY 17 Budget will include a proposal for a Capital Bonding Package for \$1 M to purchase Open Space Lands in the Town of North Haven.

Ms. Sadosky stated that Selectman Freda is speaking with Town Counsel to clarify whether the proposal included in the Budget would be approved when the Budget was approved (Referendum date - May 17th) or whether a separate Referendum for the Capital Bonding Package would have to be held. Ms. Sadosky will provide an update to the Committee at its April Meeting.

4. The Committee discussed **education efforts and assigned tasks** to Committee Members in support of the Town's expected efforts to seek a Capital Bonding Package (on May 17, 2016) for the purpose of purchasing open space parcels.

Included among the education ideas discussed were the following:

- **NHTV Presentation** hosted by Mike Freda (L. Sadosky mentioned she e-mailed Selectman Freda regarding his hosting of an informational session along with Amy Blaymore-Paterson of the CT Land Conservation Commission). This also may be an excellent opportunity for Committee Chair, Steve Fitzgerald to appear and speak with Selectman Freda on the matter.

- **Drafting a Press Release** to the Register, NH Courier and Citizen Newspapers will be completed by Lynn Sadosky and Laura Magaraci and presented to the Committee for review. The final Press Release will be sent to the Office of First Selectman for review, approval and transmittal to the local newspapers.

- **Discussions with North Haven Courier** will be held regarding an interview with Chairman, Steve Fitzgerald on the importance of the purchase and conservation of Open Space Lands. Lynn Sadosky will contact the North Haven Courier regarding their feature of "Person of the Week" and speaking with Chairman Fitzgerald.

- **Enlist support of Project Green Kids** will be completed by Hugh Davis who will contact them and ask them to assist with getting the word out regarding the importance of Open Space Lands in North Haven at the April 9, 2016 Earth Day Celebration to be held at the North Haven High School.

- **Rotary Club** will be contacted by Mark Cofrancesco in an effort to ask members such as Theresa Ranciato Viele or James Giulietti to share with the Club, the proposed Capital Bonding Package for Open Space Acquisition and discussing with the membership the importance of the purchasing of Open Space in North Haven.

- **Economic Development Meeting** would be contacted by Chairman Steve Fitzgerald in an effort to meet with them and speak to the importance of the purchasing of Open Space in North Haven at one of their Meetings (perhaps March 24 or April 28).

- **Earth Day Celebration, April 9, 2016** at North Haven High School - Laura Magaraci as well as Hugh Davis and Mark Cofrancesco agreed to participate and support this year's Annual Earth Day Celebration to be held at the North Haven High School from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Cheryl Juniewicz and Patricia Brown agreed to research/locate available brochures for downloading and printing to be made available at a table dedicated to Land Conservation and Open Space at the Earth Day Celebration.

- **Article for Town Website** will be drafted by Town staff, Lynn Sadosky and Laura Magaraci once the DRAFT Press Release is completed. Lynn Sadosky also agreed to speak with the Town's IT department in an

effort to develop a section on the Town's Website dedicated to Land Conservation and Open Space.

- **Enlist support of Land Trust, Trail Association, Conservation Commission and Peter's Rock Association** who will all be contacted by Steve Fitzgerald, Mark Cofrancesco and Hugh Davis in an effort to "get the word out" about the proposed Capital Bonding Package for Open Space in this year's Budget.

- Place on the **Agendas of Planning and Zoning and the Inland Wetlands Commissions** – this task was assigned to Laura Magaraci who will speak with Alan Fredricksen, Land Use Administrator, about getting a short discussion regarding the Capital Bonding Package included for purchasing Open Space and soliciting support thereof to each of the two Commissions.

5. The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn K. Sadosky, P.E.,
Director of Public Works