

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Dunnack at 8:10 AM.

Present: Ann Dunnack, Joan Hill, Shirley King, Paul Ramsey, Don Schofield, Chris Tolsdorf

Guests: Mark Walter, Town Administrator

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Paul and Joan shared information they had gathered on Mr. Walter's background in the area of open space acquisition. Joan presented a PowerPoint highlighting our town history in the area of open space as well as the properties of priority.

Mr. Walters expressed his favorable impression of the new town Plan of Conservation.

Discussion took place on the use of designated funds and what our next steps should be to gather support among our elected officials.

An area of concern is communication with the town citizenry. Mr. Walters shared the East Haddam Events quarterly and expressed a hope that something similar could be developed for Columbia. This committee agreed and was impressed with the quality of the publication.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 AM

Submitted by Shirley King secretary