

## **Columbia Open Space Committee**

**December 20, 2018**

### **Regular Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** members Don Cianci, Paul Ramsey, Don Schofield, Ann Dunnack, Walt Tabor. Excused: Shirley King, Chris Tolsdorf; Town Administrator, Mark Walter; The Trust for Public Land representative, Honor Lawler.

Chairman Ann Dunnack called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

The **minutes** of the November 15, 2018 meeting were **approved 4-0-1**.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Wells Woods/Mint Brook**

Honor Lawler gave an update on progress in land acquisition in Wells Woods/Mint Brook area. She is close to a written agreement with one land owner, after which Mark Walter will arrange for an updated appraisal on the property. Possible funding sources she has been pursuing include the State of CT and the Community Foundation of Eastern CT. She has also approached four other land owners.

Mark Walter reports that the closing for Oberlander continues to be delayed by Probate Court.

#### **Education and Outreach**

Shirley King sent word that she had visited the Senior Center Walking Club to inform them of trails that they might like to try.

Ann Dunnack reported that the flyer for the hiking trails map and descriptions is in the hands of the Town Planner, and will be forthcoming soon.

The Open Space Logo Contest is ready to be announced in the February issue of Columbia Views.

#### **New Business**

Columbia BOS has appointed Andrea Drabicki to chair the Sustainable CT initiative in Columbia.

The State of CT has purchased 200 acres abutting Gay City State Park in Hebron.

Chris Tolsdorf represented Open Space Committee at the Capitol Project Round Table meeting.

**Ann Dunnack, secretary, pro tem**