

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Tuesday, August 11th, 2009
Colchester Town Hall—6:00 PM

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Regular Meeting

Members Present: Chairman Nick Norton, Liz Gilman, William Hochlozer, Jay Cohen, Rob Misbach, Jay Gigliotti

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Adam Turner

Others Present: Rosemary Coyle, BOS Liaison

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Norton Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. **Citizens Comments:** None

3. **Approval of the July 14th, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** Jay Gigliotti motioned to accept the minutes of July 13th, 2009. The motion was seconded by Rob Misbach. All Members present voted in Favor. **Motion Carried**

4. **Report on Land Use Summit:** A Land Use Summit was been conducted on July 29th, 2009, sponsored by the Town of Colchester. The summit was attended by town elected officials, staff, members of boards and commissions, farmers and the general public. In all there were 63 people that attended. The topics discussed included: The right to farm, what to do with the previous Chevrolet dealership, a water and sewer line extension to the Lake Hayward Rd. area, open space preservation, traffic studies, affordable housing and the Historic District. L. Gilman & R. Coyle gave an overview of the meeting. Both were in attendance at the summit. J. Cohen added some extra points as he was in attendance as well. Discussion followed concerning the effectiveness of the land use summit. The summit broke the various people in to groups in which the groups decided which issues were the most important for the town. J. Gigliotti provided some numbers of how people in attendance voted. Out of the 52 people who voted, 19 people voted for the water and sewer line extension, 15 people voted for the right to farm and the remaining votes were spread out over the remaining items. R. Coyle stated that the "right to farm" would be on the Board of Selectmen agenda for their next regular scheduled meeting.

5. Land Acquisitions

- a. **Mohegan Land Trust Conservation Easement:** J Gigliotti gave a brief overview of how the process to accept the Mohegan Land Trust's Conservation Easement occurred. He explained that the final deed transfer was near complete. The Mohegan Land Trust hired Dutch and Associates to place Conservation Easement tags in the field. The placement and the hanging of these tags were inspected and verified by J. Gigliotti in the field.
- b. **Ruby II Land Acquisition:** Chairman Norton explained to the committee the process involved with the acquisition of the Ruby II property on McDonald Road. He said that the process is near complete as the town already had a Town Meeting in which it was voted to approve the acquisition.

6. **Open Space Plan Review:** Vice Chairman Turner, who was absent at the meeting, was supposed to bring new language for section 2 of the open space plan. Chairman Norton stated that the committee should be prepared to discuss section 3 next meeting.

7. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:** None

8. **Adjournment:** J. Cohen motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Misbach. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
Chairman Norton adjourned the meeting at 6:35p.m.

Submitted by, Jay Gigliotti