

NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

Chairman Bernadette Conway called the regular meeting of the Newington Open Space Committee to order at 6:34 pm in Town Council Chambers, Room 103 of the Newington Town Hall, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT. This was a hybrid/webinar meeting.

Commissioners Present:

Bernadette Conway
Gail Budrejko
Sandra Austin Goldstein
Gia Pascarelli
Mitch Page

Commissioners Absent:

Town Staff Present:

Paul Dickson, Town Planner
Erik Hinckley, Assistant Town Planner

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I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dickson read the role call.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Austin Goldstein made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Page, and approved unanimously.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Conway opened nominations:

Chairperson

Chair Conway's nomination of Commissioner Pascarelli for Chairperson was seconded by Commissioner Austin Goldstein. No other nominations were made and the nomination was approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page)

Vice Chair

Commissioner Pascarelli's nomination of Commissioner Austin Goldstein for Vice Chair was seconded by Chair Conway. Discussion followed with Commissioner Austin Goldstein declining the nomination and Commissioner Pascarelli withdrew her nomination.

Chair Conway's nomination of Chair Conway for Vice Chair was seconded by Commissioner Austin Goldstein. No other nominations were made and the nomination was approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page)

Secretary

Commissioner Pascarelli's motion to table the election of the Secretary was seconded by Chair Conway and approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page)

IV. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING DATES 2023

Commissioner Pascarelli's motion to adopt the schedule of meeting dates was seconded by Commissioner Austin Goldstein and was approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 28, 2022

Commissioner Pascarelli's motion to approve the minutes with corrections was seconded by Commissioner Austin Goldstein and approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page). The correction noted was a name correction to include Austin Goldstein.

a. October 19, 2022

Commissioner Pascarelli's motion to approve the minutes with corrections was seconded by Commissioner Austin Goldstein and approved unanimously. (Conway, Austin Goldstein, Pascarelli, Page). The correction noted was a name correction to include Austin Goldstein.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Budrejko joined the meeting at 6:54pm.

A. POCD open space parcels.

The committee discussed the open space parcels as provided in the packet. Mr. Dickson discussed the list and noted that the list provided was in the POCD and noted the item on the agenda for criteria.

B. Criteria for Prioritization

The committee discussed the criteria as provided by the Town's grant consultant.

Assistant Town Planner Erik Hinckley joined the meeting at 7:25pm.

The committee discussed the individual criteria and the process of recommending parcels to the Town Council for consideration. The committee continued to discuss the process of prioritization of the items on the list and providing ranking and identification of criteria to be included in parcel prioritization.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

X. Adjourn

Commissioner Austin Goldstein's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Pascarelli, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Dickson
Town Planner