

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 First Selectwoman Lisa Heavner called the regular meeting of the Open Space Committee to order at
3 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. The meeting was held in the main meeting room of the
4 Simsbury Town Offices located at 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. In attendance were the
5 following committee members: Helen Peterson, William Rice, Donald Rieger, and David Ryan. Staff
6 included Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation; Town Engineer Jeff Shea; and
7 Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development Michael Glidden.

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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

10 All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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12 **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

13 No members of the public spoke for public audience.

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15 **REVIEW/ADOPT MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2016**

16 Helen Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2016 with addition of adding Susan
17 Masino’s name to the attached comments. The motion was seconded by Don Rieger. All voted in favor
18 and the motion passed.

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20 **TRAIL CONNECTION TO ONION MOUNTAIN PARK**

21 Gerry Toner gave an update on the onion mountain trail connection project. He reported on his hike of
22 the section and indicated that it is a difficult trail. Mr. Toner reported that they are waiting on Canton.

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24 **SUMMER INTERN PROJECT REPORT**

25 Mr. Toner gave an update on the summer intern’s work and distributed Adam Hammershoy’s report on
26 conservation easements with high significance.

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28 **GOALS FOR COMING YEAR**

29 The committee discussed goals for the upcoming year and indicated they would like to examine:

- 30 1. Simsbury agricultural lands that are not being put to agricultural use and evaluating
- 31 enhancements we can make, possibly with grant applications.
- 32 2. Evaluate commercial activity on town owned open space and current regulations.
- 33 3. Review town owned easements and opportunities for more connectivity.

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35 The committee requested that Gerry Toner invite Eric Hansen to come speak to the committee on
36 Forest Management techniques and concerns at either the October or November meeting.

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38 **ADJOURN**

39 At 5:30 p.m., Don Rieger made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Helen Peterson. The
40 motion passed unanimously.

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42 Respectfully submitted,
43 Lisa L. Heavner