

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE “SUBJECT TO APPROVAL”
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2017**

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CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Lisa Heavner called the regular meeting of the Open Space Committee to order at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. The meeting was held in the main meeting room of the Simsbury Town Offices located at 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. In attendance were the following committee members: Helen Peterson, Donald Rieger, and David Ryan. Staff included Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation, Jeff Shea, Town Engineer. Alan Needham was present representing the Planning Commission.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No one spoke at public audience.

REVIEW/ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2017

There were no changes to the minutes.

Ms. Heavner informed the Committee that the Town was hosting an open house for the public on Deepwater Wind at 5:30 at Eno Memorial Hall.

ETHEL WALKER WOODS UPDATE

Jeff Shea updated the Committee on the meeting between Town staff and the administration from Ethel Walker Woods on the Forest Management Draft plan and on rights and duties of the Town of Simsbury and Ethel Walker Woods.

At 4:40 Ms. Heavner stepped out the room on another matter and Mr. Rieger assumed the Chair.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (POCD)

Mr. Needham reported that the draft POCD was available for viewing on the website and would be discussed at the Planning Commission's upcoming meeting.

SIGNAGE ALONG RIVER UPDATE

Mr. Toner reported that the Board of Selectmen had approved the Carry In – Carry Out policy and that twenty signs had been ordered.

Ms. Heavner returned to the meeting at 4:45 and resumed the Chair.

REVIEW OF WATER SHORTAGE ORDINANCE

Ms. Heavner informed the Committee that the subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen had a new draft of changes to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Heavner let the Committee know that she expected it to go before the Board of Selectmen in June, if possible. She was going to check with Town Counsel as to whether an additional hearing would be required.

ADJOURN

At 4:50 PM, Mr. Ryan moved to adjourn. Mr. Rieger seconded, and the matter was unanimously approved.