

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of January 20, 2015 special meeting

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Quentin Kessel, Ken Feathers, Michael Soares, Vicky Wetherell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

Meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Vicky was appointed acting secretary.

Minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections. Jennifer requested that an agenda item be added concerning the fanwort grant. Vicky requested that an agenda item be added about the UConn Master Plan.

Old Business

Fanwort Removal in Eagleville Lake Jennifer reviewed the fanwort infestation in Eagleville Lake and the CT DEEP recommendations for addressing the problem. After discussion, the committee voted to endorse the CT DEEP recommendation for an integrated pest management approach, which includes an initial treatment with the herbicide "Clipper, followed by an analysis of the results and possible further applications in the following years. The committee continues to be concerned about using the Open Space Acquisition Fund for this project (particularly since it will be an ongoing effort) and encourages the Town to find an alternative source of funding.

UConn Master Plan Vicky conveyed an Agriculture Committee suggestion that the committees/commissions that reviewed the UConn Master Plan make a short statement during the public comment portion of the Town Council meeting. The committee agreed, and a short statement will be presented to the Council at their January 26 meeting.

Mansfield Tomorrow POCD Review The committee began review of the Public Hearing draft, which will be continued at their February 17 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.