



**TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CT  
OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

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*Elizabeth M. Wilson*

**Regular Meeting / Annual Meeting**

**6:30 PM**

**ROOM 102**

**Killingly Town Hall  
172 Main St., Killingly**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present Janet Hallbergh; Keith Thurlow; Byron Martin; Donna Bronwell; William Cheng

Absent without notification: Rodney Galton; and the Town Council Liaison.

Also present was Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development

**II. Agenda Addendum**

None

**III. Citizen Participation** – limited to three (3) minutes per speaker for an accumulated time of no more than twenty-one (21) minutes (unless extended by a majority vote of the Committee)

No Citizens were present.

**IV. Adoption of Minutes – (review/discussion/action)**

A) Thursday, September 29, 2016 – William Cheng made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 29, 2016 meeting; Keith Thurlow seconded the motion; no discussion; vote was 5 to 0; the motion passed.

B) Thursday, October 27, 2016 – Keith Thurlow made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting; Donna Bronwell seconded the motion; no discussion; vote was 5 to 0; the motion passed.

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business – (review/discussion/action)**

A) Election of Officers – Donna Bronwell made a motion to re-elect Janet Hallbergh as Chair; Keith Thurlow as Vice-Chair; and Byron Martin as Secretary; William Cheng seconded the motion; no discussion; no further nominations; vote was 5 to 0; the motion passed.

B) Review of By-Laws – During the review it was suggested by Janet Hallbergh to change the month of the annual meeting date to May instead of June to allow committee members to have the three (3) months of summer open if there was no business to attend to. Keith Thurlow made a motion to move the month of the annual meeting date to May; William Cheng seconded the motion; no discussion; the vote was 5 to 0; the motion passed.

C) Review of Goals for Upcoming Year – Discussion centered upon the need for two (2) citizen (at large members); committee members were requested to appeal to people they feel would be interested in serving upon the committee.

The committee asked Ann-Marie Aubrey to get a copy of the Killingly Code of Ordinances to verify the goals the Town wanted OSLAC to achieve. Ann-Marie read Section 2-170 through and including Section 2-173 of Article XII of the Code of Ordinances. The committee was interested in the following:

(\*) **Section 2-170** – RE: Open Space Land Acquisition Fund “...there is hereby established the Killingly Open Space Land Acquisition fund to be used solely for the purposes of preservation of open space, the acquisition of land (or any interest in land, including but not limited to easement and development rights, associated surveying and legal fees) to be used for open space, natural resource protection, recreational or agricultural purposes.”

(\*) **Section 2-172** – RE: Open Space Land Acquisition Committee “...Its charge shall be to identify and/or review potential acquisition of land or interests in land for open space, natural resource protection, recreational or agricultural purposes, to make recommendations to the Town Council regarding acquisition of such land and other proper uses of the Open Space Land Acquisition fund and to perform such other tasks relating to the use and administration of the fund as the Town Council may direct.”

It was suggested that Ann-Marie send copies of Article XII. Funds – Open Space Land Acquisition Fund to the committee members. A question was raised whether the recreation was just passive recreation, and it was agreed that since that description was not included that recreation meant both passive and active recreation. Keith then started a discussion regarding access to the water front along the Five Mile River; and members Donna Bronwell and Byron Martin joined in the conversation.

#### **VII. Other Discussion Items**

The group had a general discussion regarding access to the water front along the Five Mile River; and a general discussion regarding a double arched bridge over the Five Mile River.

The group decided that September 28, 2017 would most likely be the group's next regular meeting; unless something comes up during the summer months that should be discussed. Janet and Ann-Marie will discuss on a monthly basis whether a meeting needs to be held. Ann-Marie will keep all committee informed whether a meeting is necessary.

Janet explained that she will not be able to attend the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Town Council – she asked Keith Thurlow to attend in her place. Keith said he would be able to. Donna Bronwell said she would most likely attend that meeting as well.

#### **VIII. Council Liaison Report**

There was no Town Council Liaison at this meeting.

#### **IX. Next Meeting – Tentatively, Thursday, June 22, 2017**

Ann-Marie will let members know if there will be a meeting in June, July or August. Members should expect a meeting in September, 2017.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Marie L. Aubrey

Director of Planning and Development (Acting Recording Secretary)