

Open Space and Land Acquisition Committee  
Thursday, September 29th, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes  
3:30 PM Town Council Chambers, Town Hall of Southington, CT

Members Present: All regular members were present with the exception of Mr. Labieniec, Mr. Borowy and Miss DelDebbio. Also in attendance were Mark Sciota, Town Attorney/Deputy Town Manager and David Lavalley, Environmental Planner.

Chairman Berkmoes called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Commissioner Urillo made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sica with all in favor. The update on the Community Garden was next on the agenda. Miss Sica indicated that the Garden was a great success this year and that it will be having the end of season clean up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. Miss Sica further indicated that she was happy to help run the Garden this year but would like assistance in the future. The idea of having the Orchard Valley Garden Club and the UCONN Master Gardner Program take over daily operations was put forth. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea and that contact should be made with them. Miss Sica will follow up. Regarding the lottery for next year's season, it was agreed that two lotteries would be held, one January 15<sup>th</sup> and the second on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Notification to residents of the lottery can be made through Channel 14 and the town's website. An April 15<sup>th</sup> opening for 2012 is planned; closing will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brumback stated that perhaps some recognition of this successful Community Garden effort could be made at a Council meeting; all agreed. The next item discussed was the proposed canoe launch on the newly acquired Germania Street parcel. Limited brush clearing will be done to allow for parking for roughly eight vehicles. A set of stairs will be constructed to ease access to the Quinnipiac River. Miss Miceli thought that perhaps an organized event for Earth Day in April would bring people out for a group paddle. Staff will look into organizing the event. Chairman Berkmoes would like a list of the Town Open Space holdings sent out to the members and posted on the town website. Staff will take care of it. Chairman Berkmoes also mentioned that the few clearings at the edge of the pond on the Curtiss Open Space Parcel need some attention; staff will look into it. Miss Miceli made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:13 P.M.; Miss Sica seconded with all in favor.

The committee returned to regular session at 4:29 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brumback and seconded by Miss Sica with all in favor at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.