

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**May 20, 2019
8:00 p.m.**

South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on proposed Amendments to Section 78-33 of Article II. Subdivision Open Space Use and Maintenance

Mayor Paterna called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Clerk of the Council read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**). There were approximately thirty-three (33) people present in the audience. The proposed amended Ordinance is attached as **Exhibit B**.

Mayor Paterna asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Mr. Roy Normen, Homestead Drive, explained how the Open Space Task Force was established. At the time the Open Space Task Force was established, Public Works covered all of the maintenance of open space, but that function is now the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Department. So the intent of the first amendment is to eliminate the Public Works Department from the Ordinance. The Chamber of Commerce no longer participates with the Open Space Task Force, so the second amendment is to eliminate the Chamber of Commerce from the membership. The last two amendments to the Ordinance is to change Director of Planning to a Representative of the Planning Department and change Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to a Representative of Park s & Recreation. The Open Space Task Force is a good working group and provides good advisory service to the Town Council.

Mrs. Pat Botteron, Chairperson of the Open Space Task Force, came forward and explained that the Director of Public Works had jurisdiction over the maintenance of the open space and years ago that was eliminated from his jurisdiction and has gone to the Park & Recreation Department, so that should be removed from the Ordinance. Also, the member from the Chamber of Commerce has not participated on the Open Space Task Force since Betty Osborne retired and should be eliminated. In the original membership, it was stated specifically that one member would be the Director of Planning, and the other would be the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. The Director of Planning should be replaced with a Representative of the Planning Department, and the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation should be replaced with a Representative of the Parks and Recreation Department.

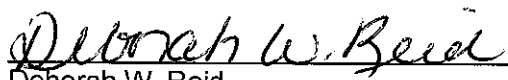
Mayor Paterna asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those supporting the proposed amendments to Section 78-33 of Article II. Subdivision Open Space Use and Maintenance - 9

Those opposed to the proposed amendment to Section 78-33 of Article II. Subdivision Open Space Use and Maintenance - 0

The public hearing was closed at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice – Exhibit A

Proposed Open Space Use and Maintenance Ordinance – Exhibit B



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LEGAL AD

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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 9th day of May 2019.

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Amendment to Section 78-33, Definitions of Article II. Subdivision Open Space Use and Maintenance

Sec. 78-33, Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accessway, public, means a strip of land under town ownership, 50 feet or less in width, which fronts on a public street, is located between side boundaries of two residential lots, and serves as a primary entrance onto a larger parcel of town-owned subdivision open space.

Natural state means land that is undisturbed by human intrusions, including but not limited to, construction; filling or excavation; removal or destruction of trees, shrubs or vegetation (live or dead); and activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation or the preservation of wildlife.

Open Space Task Force means a council-appointed task force composed of a member from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission, Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee, at least two members of the public, a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department, a representative of the Planning Department, a member of the South Windsor Land Trust, and any other members that the Council may appoint. Duties are as assigned by the Town Council. The Task force may request technical input from other town departments as needed.

Recreation, active, means activities that require physical exertion by people and/or cause physical alterations to the land, such as but not limited to exercise walking, sledding, skiing, camping, running and organized group play.

Recreation, passive, means minimally intrusive activities that allow the land to remain essentially in its natural state, such as but not limited to nature walks, bird watching.

Subdivision open space means any parcel or area of land or water essentially unimproved except under circumstances noted within this article and set aside, dedicated, designated or reserved for public use or enjoyment, acquired through the planning and zoning sub-division process.