

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, November 19, 2018, in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Selectman Maureen Crick Owen and Selectman Jeff Capeci.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rob Sibley, Robert Mitchell

**VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/05/18. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

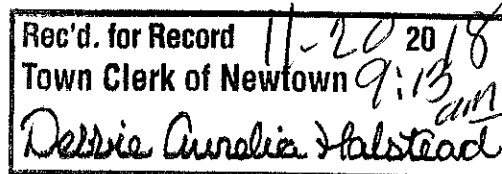
**COMMUNICATIONS:** First Selectman Rosenthal talked about the first snow storm of the season, November 15, saying he was going to reach out to the State DOT to discuss the lack of presence on the state roads in town. The Department of Public Works did very well covering both town and state roads. Selectman Capeci asked if the storm had an impact on getting the paving done. First Selectman Rosenthal stated that all the paving that was scheduled to be completed prior to the plant closing has been done. There are thirty one people interested in the Bike & Trail Committee. First Selectman Rosenthal and Parks & Recreation Director Amy Mangold are working on narrowing down the list. First Selectman Rosenthal sees this as a large working group, to include the interested parties beyond the ones appointed. He anticipates making those appointments at the Dec. 3 Board of Selectmen meeting.

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Open Space Land Acquisition – Robin Hill Road:** Mr. Sibley was present to discuss the history of the Robin Hill property (att.). Both the Conservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to accept the recommendation for acquiring the Open Space parcel #15-02. (att.). Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept 36.26 acres located on Robin Hill Road as Open Space from the current owner. Selectman Capeci seconded. First Selectman Rosenthal thanked the developer for thinking of the town and thanked Land Use Department for all of the work on this matter. All in favor.
2. **Referral of New Police Department Building Project to the Public Building and Site Commission:** First Selectman Rosenthal thanked Selectman Crick Owen and Selectman Capeci for their support of the project. Bob Mitchell, Chairman Public Building & Site Commission has been working with First Selectman Rosenthal to finalize the RFP for the construction manager. Mr. Mitchell said an Ad Hoc committee, including himself and two people, will be formed so they can attend design sessions. First Selectman Rosenthal asked that the Sustainable Energy Commission be included. Selectman Crick Owen moved to refer the new Police Department Building project be moved to the Public Building & Site Commission for project review and management. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
3. **Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Opening:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the re-appointments of Ruby Ryles, (D), to Commission on Aging for term to expire 01/06/22, Dick Zang, (D), to the Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire 01/06/23 and Allen Adriani, (U) to the Sustainable Energy Commission for a term to expire 01/06/22. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
4. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the release of the driveway bond for GLT Development Corp., 30 Lake Rd., M22, B5, L6, in the amount of \$1,000. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. Selectman Crick Owen moved to extend the driveway bond for Ryan & Kristen Mesinger, 8 Bentagrass La., M30, B1, Lot13 for six months with an expiration date of June 29, 2019.



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5. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the November 2018 Refunds, Refund 7, 2018/19 in the amount of \$11,635.47. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Att: BOS Open Space Referral; Open Space map; Conservation Commission memo re: Open Space; Planning & Zoning memo re: Open Space

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

**From:** Rob Sibley, Land Use Deputy Director

**Date:** November 14, 2018

**RE: BOS OS Referral**

**Robin Hill Road OS#15-02:**

Total Acres – 36.26± Acres

Location – Robin Hill Road

This donation of land is the culmination of approximately 12 years of negotiation. The parcels were first brought to my attention during our purchasing program for OS in 2006. The 168 acre parcel was offered for \$1,600,000.00, and the Conservation Commission ranked the parcel high on the acquisition scale but lacked the funding to close the deal.

In 2012 the developer chose to use our newly created Open Space Conservation Subdivision Regulations to develop the 23 lot subdivision and set aside 84 acres for open space during the process. The final lot (Lot #23) had a balance of approximately 46 acres which the developer offered for a price of \$400,000, which the Town declined, in late 2015 the developer offered the same lot for \$150,000 which again the Town declined.

Recently the developer has chosen to donate a revised portion of this parcel to the amount of 36 acres. The donated portion of the lot would be added to the already 84 acres of OS.

The Conservation Commission heartily recommends excepting this offer and P&Z has passed the offer under its 8-24 statutory referral.

It is requested that the Board of Selectmen approve the receipt of this donation of 36 acres for the Town of Newtown.



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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Date: November 16, 2018

To: Board of Selectman

From: Holly Kocet, Chairman, Conservation Commission

Re: OS #15-02

After reviewing OS #15-02 at its meeting on November 13, 2018, the Conservation Commission has accepted the recommendation for acquiring Open Space totaling 36 acres.

cc: George Benson, Director of Planning  
Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning & Land Use

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Date: November 16, 2018

To: Board of Selectman

From: Don Mitchell, P&Z Commission

Re: OS #15-02

After reviewing OS #15-02 at its meeting on November 15, 2018, the Planning and Zoning Commission has accepted the recommendation for acquiring Open Space totaling 36 acres.

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