

**Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee**  
APPROVED Minutes of November 19, 2013 meeting

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35.
2. Vicky was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved

**Old Business**

3. *Mansfield Tomorrow* A draft of the POCD will be available from the consultant Goody Clancy soon. Copies will be available to Town committees for comment. The committee discussed having a special meeting in December to review the draft.

**Executive Session**

4. The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 7:46 and to come out of the session at 8:31. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

**New Business**

5. *CT DEEP open space grant* Because the period before the application deadline (January, 2014) is so short, the committee declined to recommend projects for this grant round. They discussed the need to consider projects for a future grant round, and they plan to discuss this at a future meeting.

6. *LaGuardia easement location* The committee recommended that Joshua's Trust hold an easement on the 18.7-acre area being purchased from the LaGuardias, and that it include a restriction on the field that would allow only agricultural uses as well as a public trail linking Dodd Road to Mansfield Hollow State Park. Part of this trail would be on Army Corps land, and part of it would be on the land being proposed for purchase. The committee declined to recommend that Joshua's Trust hold an easement on the adjoining Town land in the Chapin Brook valley because the Army Corps has the right to flood almost the entire valley.

7. *2014 meeting schedule* The committee approved a meeting schedule for 2014 (the third Tuesday of each month).

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.