Open Space Preservation Committee
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Minutes
Mansfield Town Hall, Conference Room B
7:00p.m.

1. **Call to order**
   The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. **Attendance**
   Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Ken Feathers, Vicky Wetherell, Heidi Groeger, Michael Soares, and Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

3. **Opportunity for public comment**
   No members of the public were present.

4. **Review of Minutes**
   Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved (Feathers, Wetherell).
   Notes from the field trip of October 7 were approved (Feathers, Soares).

5. **New Business**
   Welcome to our new member, Heidi Groeger.

6. **Continuing Business**
   - Permanent Preservation Memo to the Town Council
     A draft memo was reviewed and discussed. The memo describes the current lack of permanent protection for many Town-owned lands, which were acquired as open and presumed to be permanently protected (but are not). Revisions were made to the draft and supplement documents were considered.

   - Recreational Trails Grant Program
     OPSC supports the proposal to apply for a CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant for design of a universal-access trail and parking area (off Dodd Rd) in Southworth Preserve.

7. **Executive Session**
   The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 8:30 and to come out of Executive Session at 8:08. Any recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

8. **Communications**
   Minutes
   - Conservation Commission: 9/21/16
   - PZC: none
   - IWA: 10/6/16

9. **Future Agendas**
   This item was limited to OSPC's continuing work on item #6 (Memo to Town Council).

10. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.