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## Town of Grantham Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes September 8, 2016

Thain Allan called the Open Space Committee meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. in the Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH 03753.

### Members Present:

Thain Allan, Chair  
Allen Wilson, Vice Chair  
Craig McArt, Secretary  
Susan Buchanan, Grantham Conservation Commission  
Conrad Frey, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair

Member Absent: Charlie McCarthy, Planning Board Vice Chair

Members of the Public: None

### Approval of Minutes

The wording of “Conservation Committee” was changed to “Conservation Commission.” A motion to approve the amended minutes of the July 7 meeting was made by Mr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Frey.

*Unanimously Approved*

### Old Business

Mr. McArt delivered a laminated map, *2015 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition, Grantham Scoring*, overlaid with the *Town Parcels Map* by CAI Technologies. It will be made available to the public at the Town Hall. He said that he had not yet placed a note in the Open Space Inventory book explaining that this was an update with significant changes to the 2010 map referenced in the process of inventorying individual parcels, but he would do so soon.

### New Business

Mr. Allan opened a discussion about his draft of the Open Space Committee final report. Several changes and additions were agreed upon. This report, which includes the decision of the Committee to disband, will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Buchanan asked for a clarification of how the Committee’s Open Space Plan would be represented in the Master Plan. Mr. Allan said that portions of it would be included in the plan’s narrative but the full Open Space Plan would not be included. The sense of the Committee was that its integration into the narrative was fine, but it should be attached, in full, as an appendix item as well.

Mr. McArt said that the parcel map that the Committee developed was appropriately modified for the Master Plan by identifying only Conserved Land, Land in Current Use, Land Not in Current Use, and Recreation/Conservation Land Not Protected. Individual parcels would not be further identified. It was suggested that the more detailed OSC map be made available at Town Hall.

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Mr. Allan said that in submitting the OSC Final Report, he would attach a CD of the parcel map, a hard copy of the Open Space Protection Plan, and a CD of the Open Space Inventory Database. In addition to the Board of Selectmen, he would send a copy of these materials to the Conservation Commission.

The members thanked one another for their contributions to the Committee, and felt that it had been a rewarding experience that they hoped would benefit the community. Messrs. Frey and McCarthy were cited for their contributions as representatives of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board, respectively.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Frey to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

***Unanimously Approved***

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig McArt,  
Secretary