

**DRAFT – NOT YET APPROVED**

**Special Meeting  
Town of East Haddam  
Conservation Commission  
August 28, 2007**

A Special Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2007 at the River House.

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman, Cynthia Matthew at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Jon Russell, Paul Stuhlman, Nancy Mackinnon, Katherine Klein, Cynthia Matthew and Peggy Carlson.

There was a brief discussion regarding the history of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Ms. Matthew discussed open space purchases and development in the town of Redding.

Discussion began on the proposed Plan of Conservation and Development (“POCD”). The following motions were made:

Eightmile River Management Plan - Appendix III – p. 69

Motion by Mrs. Mackinnon, Second by Mrs. Carlson:

**“The guidelines proposed in the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan be extended to the POD for the Town-as-a-whole.”**

Unanimously Approved.

Chapter 3 – The Environment - Policies and Recommendations 2 (a)

Motion by Mr. Stuhlman, Second by Mr. Russell:

**“The Conservation Commission supports the goal ‘Over the next fifteen to twenty-five years, the Town should explore every mechanism available to set aside ten thousand of the twenty thousand acres of undeveloped land’.”**

Unanimously Approved.

Chapter 11 – Transportation – Policies and Recommendations 7

Motion by Mrs. Mackinnon, Second by Mrs. Carlson:

**“When considering road upgrade and/or maintenance, explore the feasibility of incorporating bike and footpaths.”**

Unanimously Approved.

Chapter 1 – Introduction

Motion by Mr. Stuhlman, Second by Mrs. Klein:

Add the following to basic premises:

**“5. Communicate with and educate citizen groups (for example, newcomers, children, seniors) as to the values and resources identified in the POD.”**

Unanimously Approved.

Open Space Priorities – Appendix X, p. 91

Motion by Mr. Stuhlman, Second by Mr. Russell:

**“As the Town continues to grow, especially in areas where the population is deemed to be growing more in density, it may be necessary to reconsider priorities around the purchase of open space. For example, a small parcel in a densely populated area may be as valuable as a parcel in a greenbelt.”**

Unanimously Approved.

Chapter 9 – Population and Demographics – Policies and Recommendations

**The Conservation Commission asks for the context of the recommendation that “East Haddam’s population density could be held below 14,000 or 250 persons per square mile.”**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Russell, Second by Mrs. Carlson.

Meeting Adjourned 9:33 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Katherine Klein