

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Laretta Jones, Bob MacGregor, Gail Simpson, and Rosey VanWart.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting as submitted. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve Updates:**

Brendan Murphy has offered to replace any of the trees from the original Trees for Tribs planting that may have died. He will also replace one in the Memory Garden.

On January 30, Care for Trees will be clearing trees from around the Tatham Mansion.

DOT hired a trapper to deal with the beaver problem at the dam. One 55 pound female beaver has already been trapped.

As a result of the Annual Report prepared by Mr. MacGregor, newly elected Councilman Faulkner met with Mr. MacGregor to tour Angle Fly and the Reynolds House earlier today.

On January 4 and 11, the Venturing Crew in cooperation with Lincolndale Landscaping

sponsored a Christmas Tree pickup. About 50 trees were collected. They will be chipped and the chips will be used around the pond at Angle Fly.

The work day schedule will be finalized by the weekend. The focus will be on vine and invasive removal by the front entrance and around the Tatham Mansion; clearing of the upper meadow by the Mansion; repair of a corner post at the Reynolds House as well as beam replacement on the front of the house and a new roof.

The Somers Lions Club will be donating \$3,000 to the Land Trust this year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Biodiversity Mapping** – A meeting will take place in February to finish this project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Hidden Meadow** – On December 23, Mr. Barnhart met with Hidden Meadow developer Ken Kearney and Insite Engineering representatives regarding this project. The discussion that took place was shared with the Committee members.

**Greenbriar-Somers Corporation** – The Committee reviewed a submission from Greenbriar-Somers Corporation requesting a Wetland Activity and Steep Slope Permits and Tree and SMESC Application. A review and discussion took place. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

**Meeting with Supervisor Morrissey** – Mr. Barnhart met with newly elected Supervisor Morrissey last week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee  
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