

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2013

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Antonucci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

ANGLE FLY PRESERVE UPDATES:

The Recreational Trails Grant should be closed out over the next two weeks.

DEP approval to build the trail bridge off Route 35 is still in process. Hopefully all will be finalized by the end of March.

The new DEP signs for their portion of the property have been received and should be posted soon.

In November, the pond was dredged. The contractor should be back in April to complete the landscape leveling of the excess dirt.

Miniature cast samples of the Angle Fly Preserve sign were shared for the front gate entrance and pillars.

Workday dates will be scheduled at the next meeting.

A Scout is interested in creating another deer enclosure at a different type location than the one that exists in Angle Fly.

The hunting program for this past season was a success. There was an increase in the core number of hunters and there were no issues. A full report will be given at the Annual Meeting.

With regards to the rebuild of the Reynolds House, the engineer doesn't anticipate a problem with installing a septic system. Test holes and perk tests will be done in April and then a final septic system plan will be presented. Mr. MacGregor hopes to meet with the architect over the next couple of weeks to review his preliminary ideas. Another meeting will be planned for the Reynolds House Committee. At some point a topographical map of the property will have to be done. It is the hope that the Town will pay for this, which should total between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Mr. MacGregor has created both a calendar (timeline) and flyer for the Reynolds House Rebuild and Pond Area restoration project. As part of this process, new membership categories have been added. Once Town Board approval is given to move forward with this project, a communications person will be needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Stuart's Farm: Forest Legacy Program – Mr. Barnhart is waiting to hear back from the forester to begin a discussion on the prospects of Stuart's Farm entering the Forest Legacy Program. Given the way projects are scored, there may be some possibilities due to the farm's environmental benefits and the threat level.

Biodiversity Mapping – The next step is to work with Hudsonia to create a larger biodiversity map. Arrangements will be made to do this in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

3 Lakeshore Drive South – The owners of 3 Lakeshore Drive South would like to donate the property to the Town. Members are not opposed to the Town accepting the donation. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Complete Streets – Members reviewed a copy of a Complete Streets Policy being considered by the Town Board and were asked to comment. The Committee supports moving forward with this project where feasible and would like some reference to trail plans. Mr. Barnhart will draft a memo to the Town Board for all to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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