

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 19, 2012**

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. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**ANGLE FLY PRESERVE & SOMERS LAND TRUST UPDATES:**

**Angle Fly Preserve Updates** – A one year extension has been approved by the State for the Recreational Trails Grant. There is about \$25,000 left and will be used to purchase planking wood and to pay for the trails map project. Mr. MacGregor will be reviewing a draft of the trails map in about two weeks. A decision will have to be made as to how to spend the remaining money.

The permit to access the DEP portion of the property has been secured. Blazing on the northern part of their land has begun. Clearing will have to be done as well.

A workday schedule is in the process of being created.

In general, the trails are in good shape. Some spring clean-up will have to be done.

Some scout and youth groups are being solicited to help with work that has to be done in the spring.

The composting toilets are working well and getting quite a bit of use.

There have been no real signs of vandalism as of late, but the surveillance camera will still be installed.

The fall hunting season was quite successful. Twenty or so deer were taken and a bobcat was seen.

Last fall, Mr. MacGregor prepared a Project Activity Summary: January 2009 to October 2011 for the Angle Fly Preserve. Copies will be distributed to the Town Board with a cover letter so that a conversation can be re-initiated with regard to a plan for the structures in Angle Fly. A request will be made to the Architectural Review Board to be placed on their February agenda to talk about the Reynolds House.

The plaques for John Behler, Peter Burckmyer and Mickey Oliver have been ordered.

Emily Enoch has finished her Gold Award project and the signs she had made have been placed on the Yellow Trail.

**Amendment of Conservation Easement** – Last summer, a request was made to amend the conservation easement to swap a piece of property, designated for active recreation, from behind the Somers Manor Nursing Home with the lot behind the tennis courts at Reis Park. If ball fields were ever to be built, it would make more sense to build them on property adjacent to Reis Park. It was the feeling of Paul Elconin, Open Space Institute's Mid-Hudson Stewardship Coordinator that the conservation easement would be very simple to amend. NYS DEC's Bill Rudge has been contacted by Supervisor Murphy and arrangements to have an appraisal done are being discussed.

### **BIODIVERSITY MAPPING**

A plan for moving forward on the Biodiversity Mapping project for 2012 will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Conservation Board Status** – A copy of a memo was received from the Town Clerk's office on January 3, 2012. It included a copy of Local Law 7 – 2011 repealing Chapter 11 entitled Conservation Board of the Code of the Town of

Somers. It was filed with the New York State Department of State on December 19, 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16 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  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Planner  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Planning Board