

**SOMERS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2010**

Chairman Michael Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Committee members were in attendance: Michael Barnhart, Jan Antonucci, Jeanette Gerfin, Laretta Jones and Gail Simpson.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting as submitted. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MEETING WITH TOWN PLANNER**

At the request of the Open Space Committee, we were joined by Town Planner Sabrina Charney-Hull this evening to discuss the following agenda:

**Biodiversity in the Master Plan Update** - A biodiversity report can be included as an addendum since it is so detailed. Digital mapping will be included as well. Hopefully work will continue on the Master Plan Update within the next couple of months.

Mrs. Charney-Hull has a GPS that the Open Space Committee is more than welcome to use.

**Concept Committee** - A discussion took place about the idea of a Concept Committee. It might be a good idea to identify the Town's neighborhoods and create a mini master plan for each. Rather than call it a Concept Committee, a Neighborhood Planning Exercise might be more appropriate.

**Conservation Easement List** - A list was established, but additional information was requested. Ms. Jones will complete the work with the assistance of Mrs. Charney-Hull.

**Status of Lincoln Hall** - This was discussed under Concept Committee.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve**

**Hunting Meeting** - A Hunting Meeting took place on December 2. Mr. Barnhart

circulated a copy of the notes that were taken. All will receive an electronic copy. The next meeting will take place in February. Spring bow hunting for turkey will be the primary topic.

**Management Plan Completion** - The Management Plan has been completed and forward to the Town Supervisor for Town Board approval. Once it is approved by the Town Board, it will be given to the NYS DEC for their approval.

**Roadway Designations** - At the January 14 Town Board meeting, the Town Board approved the names Reynolds Run and Tatham Trail for the roadways in Angle Fly Preserve.

### **Somers Land Trust**

**Annual Meeting** - The Annual Meeting of the Somers Land Trust will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 24 in the Program Room at the Somers Library. In addition to focusing on the accomplishments at the Angle Fly Preserve over the past year, Pat Mac Gregor will present: ***Angle Fly Preserve, A Closer Look: Managing the Invasives and Promoting the Natives.***

**Trail Update** - Last Sunday, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Fulton and Mr. Mac Gregor met to tweak the trail plan. The foot bridge site and the next section of the trail (up the hill from the bridge to the DEP section of the property) were marked off by Mr. Fulton. This section will be labor intensive, as it will require planking. Permission will also have to be granted by DEP to move forward beyond this part of the trail. Eventually the trail will connect Reis Park and Angle Fly. The Route 139 crossing will have to be identified in terms of maximum visibility and the site line cleared. Mr. Mac Gregor has been in touch with the NYS DOT.

Mr. Fulton is updating the trail plan and Mr. Barnhart revised the verbiage so that it can be submitted to the State.

**Mapping Update** - Ms. Jones reported that the project is going very well. The entire Town has been mapped to the point where the next step is using infrared stereoscopic aerial photos. Presently the group is in the process of marking the habitats and will then decide which ones to complete ground work on. The next meeting is January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

**Committee Vacancies** - The vacancy available on the Open Space Committee has been advertised by the Town. Mr. Barnhart will also speak to David Gotz, Bob and Pat Mac Gregor, as well as Jeffrey Fulton and Rosey Van Wart.

Mr. Morrissey has been assigned as the liaison between the Town Board and the Open Space Committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Historic Landmarks Preservation Committee** - In 2008, the Open Space Committee sent a memo to the Town Board supporting this proposal. To date, there has been no update. Another memo will be sent.

**Condos in Angle Fly Preserve** - In the fall of 2008, after completing a site visit to view the existing condos at Angle Fly Preserve, the Architectural Review Board recommended that the Town Board explore the possibility of reusing these structures. A memo was sent to the Town Board by the Open Space Committee supporting this recommendation. There has been no update. Another memo will be sent.

**Work Days and Projects Coordination** - In November, dates had been set for work days in 2010. They are as follows: Saturdays, February 20, March 20 and April 10. A previous attempt had been made to alternate workdays between Saturdays and Sundays. A discussion will take place regarding this issue at the next Land Trust meeting.

**Invasive Plant Project** - Forester Andy Hubbard had assisted the Somers Land Trust in applying for a \$669.50 grant available through the Watershed Agricultural Council for invasive plant management and removal. Mr. Barnhart will speak to Mr. Hubbard regarding an update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18 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  
Conservation Board  
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