

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2013

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The Open House went well and it is estimated that 150 visitors attended. All were excited about what is going on with the house and pond.

The next work day is Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. Trail clearing will continue.

Three ongoing Scout projects should be completed very soon. It would be nice to devote an entire newsletter just to the many Scout projects that have been completed at Angle Fly to date.

The pond area has been seeded and the aeration system is working very well.

At the last work day, several trees that needed to come down were taken care of along the Green Trail.

Several of the posted signs by Van Rensselaer were removed. Mr. MacGregor will repost them further in from the neighbor's property line.

An arborist from Care of Trees will be doing a site visit tomorrow regarding the trees that have come down in the garden across from the Tatham Mansion. They are willing to donate their services for an entire day of tree removal.

Earth Tones continues to provide information and advice. They have been a great resource.

NYS DEC has a program for the removal of phragmites that may be of assistance at Angle Fly.

Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor will be participating in a vine-cutting Swarm program down County on November 16. It is the intention to learn as much as possible so plans can be made for a Somers Swarm in March along the Primrose Corridor (High School to Angle Fly).

A meeting will take place with Highway Superintendent Tom Chiaverini over the next week or so to discuss the knotweed issue.

Doug Tallamy, author and speaker will be the guest at the Native Plant Center's Spring Convention on March 17. All are encouraged to attend if they can.

Mr. MacGregor is still waiting on the priority lists for projects the architect is creating for moving forward on the Reynolds House. It is the intention to do some of this work over the winter and the Lions Club will be assisting with labor.

The fall deer/turkey hunting season is going well. As of last week, four deer have been taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – Mr. Barnhart will follow up with Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia with regard to assistance with this project.

Mrs. Antonucci and Mr. Barnhart will be attending a Developing Habitat Assessment workshop on November 16.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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