

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Jeanette Gerfin, Loretta Jones, Bob MacGregor, and Rosey VanWart.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting as submitted.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The Reynolds House foundation is complete with all new block walls and has been backfilled. There are several things left that the masons have to take care of. The footings for the front porch need to be poured - the rocks are temporarily holding up the soil until the footings are in place. The rock and concrete structure on the driveway side needs to be removed and graded. The driveway side of the foundation needs to be finished and several walls built. None of this will hold up the next stage of work.

The Reynolds House windows and exterior doors are being delivered next week. The inside framing is completed so all they need to do is cut out the plywood and insert the windows. Measurements for the siding and trim will be taken next week as well. Once the windows are installed, the siding will be put up. The siding and trim is from JamesHardie. The siding will be grey slate, and trim and soffit, artic white. There have been a lot of visitors at Angle Fly admiring the Reynolds House and they have been very pleased.

The rock wall between the yellow barn and the driveway by the house has been cleared of vegetation and the wall has been repaired. The rubble rock and old mortar that was at the end of the wall has been removed.

New retaining rocks have been added to the garden creating a transition from the garden to the goldenrod. Some additional work will be done in this area.

The sitting wall overlooking the pond is completed. There is space for about eight people to sit. Three large boulders will be moved to the poultry barn side beyond the sitting wall. These boulders are intended for kids to climb on.

Hunting season has started with 106 hunters. There are about a dozen regular hunters. As of last week, three deer were taken.

The surveillance camera has been installed by the pond.

The Somers Volunteer Fire Department has been using the property to train.

Some clearing is being done around the walnut trees.

Mr. MacGregor and Mrs. VanWart met with Boy Scout Michael Delzio about his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to add stepping stones on the white trail by the dam and will be removing invasives.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping Update – Mr. Barnhart will contact Ed Hicks of Orienteering Unlimited to make arrangements for the Committee to meet with him to discuss his mapping of the entire Town using Lidar. The Committee should be able to use these maps to answer the biodiversity questions submitted by Hudsonia with the draft map as Lidar provides incredibly fine detail.

Stuart's Farm Update – Westchester Land Trust President Lori Ensinger and Mr. Barnhart attended the Town Board Public Hearing about Stuart's Farm on October 13. There were a lot of good questions. Fairly soon the conservation easement will be taken care of.

APPLICATIONS

Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena – The Open Space Committee reviewed and discussed the preliminary subdivision for Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena. There were no additional comments as a memo was just sent on September 20, 2016.

Tamarack and Vine Subdivision – The preliminary subdivision for the Tamarack and Vine Subdivision was reviewed and discussed. There were no additional comments as a memo was just sent on September 20, 2016.

Somers Public Safety Center – The Open Space Committee reviewed and discussed the preliminary subdivision for the Somers Public Safety Center. The Somers Fire District wants to purchase 12 acres to construct a Public Safety Center. This parcel is an important open space asset and any new infrastructure could impact its many sensitive areas. In addition, there is an overall concern of what will be done with the IBM property that is currently on the market. There must be a comprehensive approach to planning as to monitor the long term impact on the environment. The Comprehensive Plan Update must be consulted. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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Parks and Recreation Board