

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 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, and Rosey VanWart.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

ANGLE FLY PRESERVE & SOMERS LAND TRUST UPDATES:

Upcoming work days are as follows: February 25; March 10 and 18; April 1 and 21; May 6; and June 3 and 16.

The final draft of the trail map that Ed Hicks created was shared with all. It was suggested that the Town of Somers be listed as the owner of the Preserve; that the Yellow Trail be changed to read the Peter A. Burckmyer Yellow Trail; and that the vernal pool be deleted from the map.

At the February 25 work day, cutting and clearing of the trails on the northern piece of the DEP property will take place.

Another Boy Scout Eagle project is in the works. It will involve planting the embankments by the composting toilets. It was suggested that a one paragraph

summary and a picture of all projects completed at Angle Fly be required.

The surveillance camera still has to be installed.

Amending Conservation Easement – A few months ago, 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. It is unlikely that an appraisal will have to be done. NYS DEC's lawyers are in the process of drafting paperwork to amend the conservation easement and the Town will begin a parallel process.

ELLA Project Signage – As required, the Watershed Agricultural Council has created signage for the tree planting project at Angle Fly Preserve. As a courtesy, Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor will bring the draft of the sign to the Architectural Review Board at their next meeting on February 23.

Reynolds House – Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor will also discuss a plan for moving forward on the Reynolds House with the Architectural Review Board at their February meeting.

Open House at Angle Fly – All agreed that it would be a good idea to sponsor an Earth Day Open House at Angle Fly Preserve on Sunday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Town Boards/Committees, and employees will be invited to meet at the Reynolds House and tour the Preserve.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – Mr. Barnhart and Ms. Jones will meet to come up with a plan for moving forward.

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, March 15 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