

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 18, 2016**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mrs. VanWart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve Updates:**

On February 5, Mr. Barnhart met with Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston, Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey, and Police Chief Mike Driscoll to discuss some issues at Angle Fly Preserve that need addressing. Supervisor Morrissey will make arrangements with the Highway Department to fix the road and trim back the vegetation; the Police Department will increase patrols; the Parks and Recreation Department will make sure the key is available to open the front gate, particularly on Sundays; and the Somers Land Trust will install additional surveillance cameras and signage indicating such, board up the front door of the Tatham Mansion and put up signage asking visitors to report any mischief to the Somers Police with their phone number.

Upcoming work days are scheduled for March 5 and April 3. The yellow trail will be rerouted and the roof on the Reynolds House readied for replacement.

Brendan Murphy ordered a redbud that will be planted in memory of Robert Beshar. It will arrive in April. Arrangements will be made with Mrs. Beshar to have a small dedication ceremony. A cage for the tree and a memory rock marker will have to be purchased as well.

Mrs. VanWart will follow up with Boy Scout Eric Dammeyer about doing his Eagle Scout Project at Angle Fly. It was suggested that something be done to spruce up the entrance.

As directed, an email was sent to the Lions Club indicating that the Somers Land Trust was still interested in the previously requested money for bluestone to cover the path around the pond at the entrance to Angle Fly. Since this was originally handled by Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Barnhart will ask him to follow up with the Lions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Biodiversity Mapping Update** – The biodiversity map will be used as a future presentation to the Hudson to Housatonic Initiative (H2H) once it is complete.

**Stuart's Farm Update** – The application was submitted and notifications will be made in April.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Somers Pointe Country Club** – The Site Plan submitted by the Planning and Engineering Department was reviewed and discussed. Removing and not replacing trees along West Hill Drive and the adjacent parking lot reduces the forested character of the area and exposes the underlying slope to more erosion. There are no details to suggest whether or what sort of new plantings might be planned. The Committee urges native and more characteristic plantings. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17 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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