

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2015

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Van Wart seconded the motion. All were favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Mr. MacGregor is working on securing \$3,000 for a grant via IBM. The \$3,000 being given by the Lion's Club this year will be used for the bluestone walkway around the pond.

The Somers Land Trust will have representation at the following events:

- March 9 – NY/NJ Trails Conference Meeting
- March 16 – Native Plant Center Conference
- March 21 – Swarm
- April 2 – Native Plant Center Conference
- April 12 – Somers Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast
- April 25 – Native Plant Center Plant Sale

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – Two more biodiversity mapping sessions need to be held to complete the process. The next meeting will take place on March 21.

Stuart's Farm Update – NYS has reinstated its Farmland Protection Fund, but the criteria have changed. An attempt will be made to secure these funds to protect about 70 acres, including the orchards and some of the fields. The Town still seems to be on board with contributing toward this project. On March 5, Mr. Barnhart and Lori Ensinger are meeting with the Town Board in Executive Session to discuss this further. Ms. Ensinger is working on securing private funds in exchange for development rights that can be transferred into conservation easements.

NEW BUSINESS

31 and 33 Entrance Way – The Committee reviewed a request for the donation of 31 and 33 Entrance Way and has no opinion. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Gerlach/Zadjelovich Subdivision (Stuart's Farm) – The Preliminary Subdivision for Gerlach/Zadjelovich was reviewed and discussed. In response to item #9 of the document provided by Timothy Allen, the Committee is recommending dark sky compatible downward directed lighting. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

North County Homes/Caracciolo Festo Wetland, Steep Slope, SMESC and Tree Removal Application – The Wetland Activity and Steep Slope Permits, as well as Pre and Post Development Watershed documentation provided were reviewed and there were no recommendations. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Lord Wetland Application – A Wetland Activity Permit was provided and reviewed by the Committee. There are no objections or comments. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 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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