

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2012

Chairman Michael Barnhart called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Jeanette Gerfin, and Rosey VanWart.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mrs. VanWart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

ANGLE FLY PRESERVE & SOMERS LAND TRUST UPDATES:

Workdays – All that was intended to be done at the March 10 workday was done so with success. The focus of the next workday on March 18 will be on the trails near Hilltop Drive.

Trail Map – At the March 9 meeting, Mr. MacGregor shared the final copy of the trail map with the recommended changes discussed at the last meeting.

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 has begun a parallel process. Hopefully this is in the final stages and will be finalized over the next few months.

Parks and Recreation Board Concerns – Mr. Barnhart met with Supervisor Murphy over some concerns at Angle Fly Preserve that the Parks and Recreation Board have. A meeting will now take place with the Supervisor, Mr. Barnhart and Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jim Papa. A request at that time will be made to have both Boards meet to dispel any misconceptions on what has been happening at Angle Fly Preserve.

Open House at Angle Fly – On April 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., an Earth Day at Angle Fly Preserve event will be held at the Preserve for all Town Boards and Committee members, and Town employees. They will be invited to meet at the Reynolds House to tour the Preserve. There will be a short hike at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to partake. A tent with some light refreshments will be available, as well as totes, t-shirts and membership information. Mr. Lubchenko will be invited to bring his video display.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

215 Route 202 – A resolution was received from the Town Board referring the donation of property located at 215 Route 202. The map provided was reviewed and the members did not see any reason why the Town shouldn't accept the donation. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Site Plan Training Class – The Teatown Lake Reservation is sponsoring a Site Plan Training Class. All were encouraged to attend if they are able.

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

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Town Board
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