

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 17, 2016**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting were not approved as there wasn't a quorum of Committee members.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve Updates:**

The yellow trail was successfully rerouted at the March 5 work day.

Mr. Barnhart ordered two sets of signs, one indicating that the property is under surveillance and the other that if you see something, say something.

Two new cameras were purchased. The original one will be mounted in the upper parking lot.

The Highway Department has filled in some of the pot holes on the roadway and should begin working on the ones at the entrance soon, weather permitting.

Mr. Barnhart still has to board up the Tatham Mansion.

Tomorrow Mr. Barnhart will measure the Reynold House roof so he can purchase the materials for the roof project. Prepping for that project will happen at the next work day on April 3.

At his leisure, Mr. Barnhart has been and will continue to cut some trees and do some clipping.

Mrs. VanWart followed up with Boy Scout Eric Dammeyer about doing his Eagle Scout Project at Angle Fly. He will construct a bridge over a small stream on the yellow trail and will also remove some invasive plants around the bridge, as well as the stream bed. He will replant with some native plants.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Biodiversity Mapping Update** – Mr. Barnhart met with Ed Hicks of Orienteering Unlimited. He has mapped the entire Town using Lidar. Mr. Barnhart 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** – The application was submitted and notifications will be made in April.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tamarack and Vine Subdivision** – The Committee reviewed and discussed the Tamarack and Vine Subdivision Preliminary Subdivision provided by the Planning and Engineering Department. The Committee was puzzled by the numerous small conservation areas within each lot as well as the larger lot-size conservation areas. What is the reasoning behind the numerous smaller conservation areas? Are they being designed to have conservation easements? Who will hold these easements? How does this constitute being more protective of the environment?. The Committee is also curious as to why there is a corridor between building lots 3 and 4. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

**Somers Pointe Country Club** – An updated Site Plan was submitted by the Planning and Engineering Department. It was reviewed and discussed. The Committee would like dark sky compatible lighting fixtures to be installed. After their last review, they requested that native plantings be used. The Landscape Design Plan lists several plantings that are not native. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

**Anthony Boniello Subdivision** – The Committee reviewed the Preliminary Subdivision provided by the Planning and Engineering Department for the Anthony Boniello Subdivision, which was reviewed and discussed. There were no 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, April 21 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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