

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2015**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Van Wart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve Updates:**

Upcoming work days for trail clean-up are scheduled on April 25, May 3 and 30. All should meet at the entrance to Angle Fly at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Schirmer will make Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Simpson aware of these dates.

Mr. MacGregor completed the 2014 Accomplishments. It has been posted on the website, an email blast was sent and it also went to the Town Board, as well as the Parks and Recreation Board.

**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** – On March 5, Mr. Barnhart and Lori Ensinger met with the Town Board in Executive Session to discuss Stuart's Farm. Ms. Ensinger created a Power Point presentation. There was some enthusiasm on behalf of the Board to financially commit. The Westchester Land Trust has vowed to raise

10 to 25% in private funding in exchange for development rights that can be transferred into conservation easements. Proposals will be collected next so the application can be completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Somers Comprehensive Plan Update** – Mr. Barnhart attended a public informational meeting on the Somers Comprehensive Plan Update on March 5. It was presented by Frank Fish, principal of BFJ Planning. The presentation and chapter drafts, which are also on the website were shared. An overview of the plan preparation process, as well as how the plan update will retain and build on the work of the Master Plan Committee was presented, as well as at time line for completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 16 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  
Planning Board  
Parks and Recreation Board