

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2014

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Clearance of the Orvis/Tatham Gardens took place at the work days on March 2 and 16, and will continue on March 30.

There was a NY/NJ Trail Conference on March 6 that Mr. MacGregor attended. They will be taking over the trail maintenance at Lasdon Park. They also released 6,000 weevils at Lasdon to deal with the Mile-a-Minute issue. Hopefully some of the weevils will travel to Angle Fly. The Conference also has an invasive strike force in the Mid-Hudson Valley and Northern New Jersey called PRISM. The 2nd week in July has been dedicated as invasive awareness week in New York.

The Westchester County Parks Department has publicly stated that their main focus will be on walking and hiking trails in the County. This could benefit Angle Fly.

Jane Daniels will include the trails at Angle Fly in the new version of her book and she is aware of the fact that the ultimate goal is to connect them with those at Lasdon. Former Somers High School Track Coach Roy Arnesen is interested in assisting with this project.

Mr. MacGregor has made a connection with the Assistant Store Manager of LL Bean in Yonkers. He is interested in doing a program at Angle Fly. It was suggested that REI and Trout Unlimited be considered for co-sponsorships as well.

On March 22, there will be a swarm at the Croton Point Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The next swarm will be done in Angle Fly at some point in the spring. A lot of publicity will be done and Mr. MacGregor hopes to get between 100 and 200 participants.

There was an inquiry from a land trust in Sudbury, Massachusetts regarding the Deer Management program at Angle Fly.

New trail maps have been hung at all trail heads and will last for about three years.

The Tatham mansion has been totally boarded up.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – The Committee will meet again on March 31 to continue with the Biodiversity Mapping project.

NEW BUSINESS

Hidden Meadow – Correspondences continue and another one was received earlier today from the Town Planner about extending the overlay district. Mr. Barnhart has drafted a memo in response to Ecological Solutions letter of March 3, 2014.

Somers Crossing – A memo was received indicating that the Memory Facility proposed for this development has been eliminated and 20 additional townhouses were added in its place.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 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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