

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2014

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

MINUTES

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

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

On one of the last work days, clearing of the Orvis/Tatham Gardens took place and will continue at the next work day on Saturday. The pink and white trails were also opened up.

Mr. MacGregor met with the Westchester Groundworks folks regarding a vine cutting swarm. They have a meeting this evening and will select the sites of the next few swarms. Hopefully Angle Fly Preserve will be one of locations.

The pond aeration system has been turned on for the season, but there is still some algae that needs to be dealt with. An organic treatment called Aqua-T will be used. A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Antonucci to spend up to \$250 for this product. All were in favor/

Highway Department employee Arnie Guyot has offered his time to mow the meadow and will be allowed to use the Town's equipment to do so.

The owner of the Hidden Meadow property is hoping to donate a truck load of large rocks that can be used for seating around the pond.

Shannon Longworth is having a railing placed on the stairway of the Memory Forest.

Mr. MacGregor will research contractors that can remove the shingles on the Reynolds House. Once that project is completed, the side porch will be removed.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – The Committee met yesterday and has one aerial base sketch map done and has to fully complete the remaining two. The next meeting is on May 3 at 10:30 a.m. When the maps are finished, a report will be prepared as well.

Hidden Meadow – A conference call took place at the end of March to discuss the concerns identified by the Open Space Committee related to wetlands, wildlife and site ecology for the Hidden Meadow project. A site walk of the property followed on April 11. Ecological Solutions is preparing a biodiversity assessment using Hudsonia's guidelines. Another meeting will take place when the final report is complete.

Ongoing correspondences on the project continue and have been shared with all Committee members.

Conservation Easement Amending – Mr. Barnhart will follow up with Paul Elconin for a status update on amending 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 in Reis Park.

NEW BUSINESS

The Greens – At the request of Supervisor Morrissey, a meeting will take place in early May to discuss a new project located at 57 Route 6 called The Greens. Mr. MacGregor will attend on behalf of the Open Space Committee. An update will be given at the May meeting.

19 Locust Drive – The Committee has been asked by the Town Board to review and comment on a request for a homeowner to purchase a neighboring lot at 19 Locust Drive for the impending location of their septic system when the current one is no longer serviceable. A response will be drafted for distribution to all members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 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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