

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 18, 2013**

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

Somers Energy Environment Committee member Rick Warren was also present.

**MEETING WITH MR. WARREN**

Mr. Warren met with the Committee to discuss the concept of Complete Streets. This item was on the agenda of the April Town Board meeting. The Open Space Committee supports this idea, but thinks that the initiative should include a comprehensive plan in order to be fruitful. As soon as the resolution from the Town Board is received, Mrs. Schirmer will forward it to all for review.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mrs. VanWart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**ANGLE FLY PRESERVE UPDATES:**

Mr. MacGregor was pleased to present a check to the Land Trust in the amount of \$6,317 from the Lion's Club for the restoration of the roof of the Reynolds House. All were thrilled with this donation. Mr. Barnhart will draft a thank you.

Mr. MacGregor is in the process of completing a \$5,000 grant application from Home Depot for the restoration of the exterior of the Reynolds House.

Topography maps of the property were prepared pro bono and were forwarded to the engineer that is working on the septic system. The Town Assessor and Principal Engineering Technician were helpful in this process. The Health Department has been consulted and the test holes will be done shortly. Con-Tech Construction indicated that they would be willing to help with any excavation needs and Mr. MacGregor will see if they can help in this effort.

The Reynolds Area Restoration presentation will be given to the Parks and Recreation Board at their meeting next Tuesday.

At the last workday both the Green and White trails were cleared of any debris and are now in good shape again.

Five message posts have been placed as you enter the parking lot. Some indicate that no dogs are allowed in the Preserve.

A permit has finally been secured from DEP to install the bridge off Route 35.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston has all of the information needed to close out the Recreational Trails Grant.

The beaver dam is still holding up very well. Both the Town Principal Engineering Technician and NYS DOT have been monitoring the area.

Six scout projects are currently underway.

Upcoming workdays are May 5, 18 and June 2, 15, 22 and the work planned for each is as follows:

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM - Build the bridge across the stream for the west Angle Fly Preserve access from Route 35 and clear debris from the trail from the stream to Route 35. The bridge will be 16 feet in length and will be made of wood. The wood will need to be carried in about 200 feet to the work site. The trail is about 200 feet in length and needs to be cleared of downed trees, barberry and multi flora rose. An access kiosk will be installed.

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 AM - Start demolition of the Reynolds House. Remove cement board siding, front porch, side addition, and start interior gutting.

Sunday, June 2, 9:00 AM - Continue demolition of the Reynolds House.

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 AM - Trail maintenance, cut brush, barberry and stilt grass.

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 AM – Maintenance of the Reynolds Farm Area.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Biodiversity Mapping** – Mr. Barnhart will start working on the Biodiversity Mapping soon.

**Stuart's Farm: Forest Legacy Program** – Mr. Barnhart, Supervisor Murphy and Bob Stuart will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss applying for assistance from the Forest Legacy Program for a 100 acre parcel of Stuart's Farm. A site visit will have to be done in May to get some good photos and to also do some habitat mapping to document what rare plants or animals exist or could exist. Mr. Barnhart will contact Hudsonia's Gretchen Stevens to get her assistance on this. The application is due in October. Mr. Barnhart will write it over the summer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Planner  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Planning Board