

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2014

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The test samples for possible asbestos have been taken on the Reynolds House and the results should be received in a week or so.

Tomorrow Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor will meet with the Architect to get some input on some questions they have in an effort to move forward on the project.

The next work day will be on May 17 and clearing along the sides of Reynolds Run will be done.

Quite a few people have expressed interest in volunteering at Angle Fly as a result of the recent article in The Somers Record, including IBM.

A scout will be placing a bog bridge on the orange trail as their project.

The beaver dam has been lowered by about a foot. Holes were cut in the dam and all of the beaver have been removed.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – On May 3, the Committee met and made much progress. One sheet is almost done. Two more dates have been scheduled to continue the work, June 1 and July 11.

Hidden Meadow – Ecological Solutions is preparing a biodiversity assessment using Hudsonia's guidelines. Another meeting will take place when the final report is complete. Several site visit surveys will be done and Mr. Barnhart will partake as he can.

The Greens – A meeting took place to discuss a new project located at 57 Route 6 called The Greens. Mr. MacGregor attended on behalf of the Open Space Committee. An overview of the project was presented and Mr. MacGregor shared that information with the Committee. Discussions will continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Somers Development LLC Wetland Application – The Committee reviewed a wetland application for the Somers Development LLC located at 237 Tomahawk Street. There were no objections, but a question came up as to what screening and clearing the pond meant.

Caracciolo-Festo Wetland, Steep Slope, SMESC and Tree Removal Application – After review and discussion of the wetland, steep slope, SMESC and tree removal application for the Caracciolo-Festo property located at 38 Bedell Road. Although there were no issues, the Committee would like to know more about the trees that will be removed and what they will be replaced with as there was no clear plan provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19 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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