

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2015

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Simpson seconded the motion. All were favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

On May 30, the green trail was cleared. At the next work day on June 28, the focus will be on the garden around the pond. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wart have trimmed down the path.

Mr. Barnhart met with the Club Fit Hiking Group. A representative of Teatown Reservation was present as well.

Mr. Barnhart also walked the property to see that all is in order.

Regular watering of the garden needs to take place.

The abtstetos shingle on the addition of the Reynolds House has to be removed before it can be torn off. A new roof has to be put on the house as well.

On July 3, Hudsonia's Gretchen Stevens will conduct a workshop at Angle Fly or some other sensitive area based on Somers Open Space Committee habitat mapping.

There will be a guided stream walk along the Angle Fly Brook on July 12, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. This was made possible through a grant from H2H.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping Update – The biodiversity mapping project has been completed. One of the maps has already been digitized, and ultimately they all will be.

Stuart's Farm Update – Scenic Hudson will be contributing 12 ½%, Westchester Land Trust will give some and possibly the Town will give their needed 15%.

Westchester County's Soil and Water Conservation Achievement Awards Program – The Open Space Committee has been invited to participate in this awards program. Applications are due by October 2. The information will be sent to all members, who are asked to give some consideration to some eligible nominations. Suggestions include Trees for Tribes planting area along Tatham Brook, the Mickey Oliver garden area, and the Memory Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Killian Property – Supervisor Morrissey asked the Committee to review a map of the Killian Property located at 85 Warren Street as a possible donation. After review and a discussion, the Committee agreed that the Town should accept this donation as it has some recreation and development potential. They also suggest that it have a conservation easement held by the Westchester Land Trust with the Somers Land Trust as a back-up. If the Westchester Land Trust is not interested in holding the easement, the Somers Land Trust would be. A memo will be sent to the Town Supervisor.

Re-Subdivision Map of Parcel 1 of Heritage Hills of Westchester – Also at the request of the Town Supervisor, the Committee reviewed and discussed the Re-Subdivision Map of Parcel 1 of Heritage Hills of Westchester as a possible donation. The Committee agreed that since there is no value as the parcel does not have recreational or developmental possibilities, and it is a hardwood swamp, the Town should not accept it as a donation.

Granite Pointe Subdivision – On July 23, 2002, the Open Space Committee sent a memo to the Planning Board regarding the preservation of the historic section of the old roadbed within the Granite Pointe Subdivision. The Committee will resend that memo to the Planning Board in an effort to reaffirm their position on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 18 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
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