

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2013

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The demolition of the Reynolds House is almost complete. At the August 24 work day, the 1850 addition will be removed, as well as the front porch. A meeting took place between Mr. MacGregor, Tom Tooma - the Assistant Building Inspector and the architect at the House. Items were discussed and reviewed. The architect will begin working on the next set of plans. Publicity and thanks upon completion of the first phase has to be done. Arrangements will be made to invite the Town Board, Parks and Recreation Board and some others for a walkthrough after the next work day. Mr. MacGregor has prepared talking points about the project to date that will be shared with all. Lots of photos have been taken as well.

Thanks to Councilman Clinchy, an anonymous person has donated \$8,085 to put an aeration system in the pond at Angle Fly. The check was paid directly to The Pond and Lake Connection to complete the job. Installation will take place at the end of August.

There is a dead tulip tree in the Memory Forest. Arrangements will be made to replace it.

Dan Carlton's beaver dam viewing area Eagle Scout project is almost complete, as well as the one Connor Talleur is doing along the pond edge by the Memory Forest.

Upcoming work days are scheduled for August 24, September 8 and 22, as well as October 5 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Biodiversity Mapping – Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia has indicated that she might be able to secure funds to help with completing the Biodiversity Mapping project. Mr. Barnhart will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Budget – The budget for 2014 is due to the Supervisor by August 23. The current amount is \$2,000 (\$1,000 for the Secretary and \$1,000 for contractual). This year's request will remain the same.

237 Tomahawk Street – The Committee reviewed and discussed a wetland application for 237 Tomahawk Street. It concurs that both hay bales and a silt fence be used for erosion control, as recommended by the EPA. Measures should also be taken to prevent any rocks from sliding off the top of the stock pile. In addition, it is suggested employing a slicing machine to install the fence, but at the very least, the fence needs to be buried into the ground and the ground compacted on either side. The Building Inspector should ensure that this is done. The fence should also be placed in such a way that sediment does not flow around the ends of the fence. Again, as recommended by the EPA, small runs that are shaped like J's should be used for this purpose in an effort to create ponded areas for sediments to collect. A memo will be sent to the Engineering Department with a copy to the Planning Board and the Town Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 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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Town Board
Town Clerk

Town Planner
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