

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Jeanette Gerfin, Laretta Jones, Bob MacGregor, Gail Simpson, and Rosey VanWart.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci and seconded by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to review this month.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The current focus at Angle Fly Preserve is the maintenance of the trails and open ground areas.

There are four Eagle Scout projects that are in the process of being completed that involve clearing and planting.

Spring clearing of the Trees for Tribes project is underway. New trees are being planted as well as the one in memory of Christine Beshar.

All the downed trees by the roadway have been cleared by the Town Highway Department.

Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update – As per the Town Supervisor on January 16th, Town Attorney Roland Baroni and Town Planner Syrette Dym are working on drafting the easement, as well as putting maps together for submission to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification.

NYS Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control Grant Update – Mr. MacGregor will begin this project sometime in June or July. It consists of about 5 acres. The infrastructure piece will take place in 2019, and replanting in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Lincoln Hall Update – Mr. Barnhart reached out to Supervisor Morrissey regarding the strategies for the protection of the Lincoln Hall property, as they are interested in selling a little over 300 acres which includes the rail bed. There has been no movement.

Hudsonia Ltd. Update – Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia Ltd. is working on completing the biodiversity maps.

Stuart's Farm Update – The Westchester Land Trust closed the purchase of development rights to protect Stuart's Fruit Farm. The project, which took a decade to complete is valued at almost \$3 million. Westchester Land Trust's partners include New York State, Westchester County, Scenic Hudson, the Town of Somers, and the Somers Land Trust.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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