

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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Town of Somers

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 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. Simpson and seconded by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

North County Homes – Cardinal Way – The Committee reviewed and discussed a sketch plan from North County Homes for a lot line adjustment of two lots on Cardinal Way, one contains an existing single-family house and the other is vacant. The existing house will be removed and two new houses constructed. They will be served by a public water supply from the Town of Somers and septic systems. The Committee would like the storm water mitigation to have as low an impact as possible and suggested that rain gardens be considered. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

The new septic system for the Reynolds House has been installed. In the spring, the porches will be added, as well as the shutters. The interior of the house has been marked for electric and plumbing. Donations of labor and/or materials are being contributed by the following: A Team Construction, Bee and Jay Plumbing, Best Plumbing, CF Air Conditioning and Heating, Jilco Window Corp., and North County Electric. The Somers Land Trust is most appreciative of the generosity of each of these businesses.

The bulletin board has been updated, but additional donations have to be added. Mrs. Schirmer will provide Ms. Jones with that list.

Hans Elsevier will be brush hogging the meadow and continuing to mow the front area.

The pond has been clear and full of water.

All of the Scout projects are moving along nicely. For those that include watering and weeding, efforts are being made to get the Scouts to return to continue with those tasks.

The garden is looking quite plentiful.

Workdays have been scheduled for July 22nd and August 25th.

Intern Anna Knothe has been working on maps of the invasives and is writing an invasives article for The Somers Record as well.

Mrs. VanWart purchased a placard rock to be placed by the tree planted for Christine Beshar and showed it to everyone.

At the July 5th Town Board Work Session, the developers of the proposed Athletic Center at 189 Route 100 made another presentation. Both Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor were in attendance to voice their concerns about the impact the Center would have on Angle Fly Preserve.

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. An update was requested from Mrs. Dym with no response.

OLD BUSINESS

Hudsonia Ltd. Update – Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia Ltd. continues to work on completing the biodiversity maps. Mr. Barnhart will reach out to her for an update on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Invasive Plant Local Law Referral – Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor attended the July 12th Town Board meeting and there was a discussion about enacting a local law about invasive plants, in particular bamboo. The request will be referred to both the Open Space Committee and Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th at 4:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee
Town Board
Town Clerk
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Parks and Recreation Board
Energy Environment Committee