

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Laretta Jones, Bob MacGregor, Gail Simpson, and Rosey Van Wart.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor and seconded by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**APPLICATIONS**

**63 Route 6 – Coral Seafood Restaurant** – The Committee reviewed and discussed the site plan for Coral Seafood Restaurant located at 63 Route 6 and noted that the plan involves expanding the existing paved, parking area back alongside the building towards the rear of the lot. This would represent a significant expansion of the impermeable surface covering the lot. Since it's clear that additional parking will be necessary, the Committee would like the applicant to use a permeable surface rather than the proposed bitumen. In addition, the Committee noticed that a number of tree plantings are proposed for the site. They strongly recommend the planting of native species local to the area. This is important in order to support native birds and insects in an increasingly urbanized setting. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District** – A review and discussion of a site plan submitted for the extension of the Heritage Hills Sewer District took place. The Committee will reach out to Joe Barbagallo to see if he can meet with the Committee at their April meeting to answer some questions. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**T-Mobile Northeast, LLC** – The Committee reviewed and discussed a site plan submitted for T-Mobile Northeast, LLC. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

## **Chair's Report**

### **Angle Fly Preserve Updates:**

The beaver issue in the Memory Forest was resolved on Sunday with the assistance of some volunteers.

A cistern dating back to the late 1800's – early 1900's was discovered in the back of the Reynolds House while grading was being done.

The old growth at the Reynolds Pond is in the process of being cleared.

The meadow has been mowed.

Chuck Dammeyer provided an update on what has been done in the interior of the Reynolds House.

The Town Board gave permission to solicit RFP's for the HVAC in the Reynolds House. Building Inspector Tom Tooma is working on the scope of work so they can be sent out. Mr. Barnhart will email him requesting an update as it has been a couple of weeks and we really need to get this part of the project completed.

An intern has been secured for the summer and will be working primarily on the invasives grant.

**Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update** – The latest update on the Conservation Easement Modification is that the Town must review it and then let DEC know whether it is correct. The modification will be published in the DEC Environmental News Bulletin for public comment for 30 days. After that point, the modification can take effect.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Hudsonia Ltd. Update** – Mr. Barnhart spoke with Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia Ltd. about contracting another day of field work needed to finish up the mapping project. She will provide a display map, GIS file and review the report that Mr. Barnhart prepared. Mr. Barnhart will go through Ms. Stevens list of questions and answer the ones he can, which should be a good many. For those that can't the parcel level will be looked at more closely.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
Town Assessor  
Planning Board  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Energy Environment Committee