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MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 Mrs. Simpson and seconded by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District – Steve Robbins of Woodard and Curran met with the Committee regarding the Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District project. A few questions were asked and the Committee requested that the reporting requirements be more concrete. Mr. Robbins will discuss this with his colleague Joe Barbagallo and Supervisor Rick Morrissey.

New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) – The Committee reviewed and discussed a site plan submitted for New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) at 247 Route 100. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

North County Homes – Cardinal Way – The Committee was pleased to see the use of rain gardens and satisfied that there are no wetlands on the property. However, the tree removal plan was difficult to assess as the symbol used for conifer trees is identical to the symbol for trees to be removed. The Committee could not determine, therefore, whether there were any existing conifers or whether there were any to be removed. If conifers are to be planted, the Committee requests that only locally native trees be planted on site. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

63 Route 6 – Coral Seafood Restaurant – Updated plans for the Coral Seafood restaurant located at 63 Route 6 were reviewed and discussed. The Committee's former comments remain the same, "The Committee 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. We 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.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Mrs. VanWart met with a scout regarding a prospective Eagle Scout project. The options included bog planking on the connector trail, trail building and the continuation of pond restoration.

Mr. Barnhart has walked some of the trails and they are in relatively good shape. Mr. MacGregor will make a full assessment of them over the next two weeks.

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. As of March 29th, there has been no update as reported by Town Attorney Roland Baroni.

OLD BUSINESS

Hudsonia Ltd. Update – Arrangements have been made with Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia Ltd. to contract 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, May 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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