

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 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 Mrs. VanWart to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

Heritage Hills West Hill Drive Wetland Application – The Committee reviewed, as well as discussed, the site plan drawing set submitted by Planning and Engineering regarding the repair of an open-bottomed arch culvert and stabilization of the adjoining slope. The use of native grasses and shrubs was very much appreciated.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Unfortunately, the intern that committed for the summer is no longer interested.

Mr. MacGregor met with Hans Elsevier at Angle Fly and he has begun mowing for the season and will brush hog the meadow.

A Cub Scout Pack planted ferns.

An Eagle Scout Project consisting of clearing one end of the pond and replanting with shrubs as well as other plants is still pending.

The Rewilding School did a program with some Girl Scout Troops.

Mr. MacGregor has been working on cleaning up the gardens.

A meeting took place between Mr. MacGregor and A&V Home Improvement to review projects that still need to be completed.

The deer ex-closure area has been cleared out.

Once again, the pond at Angle Fly Preserve has been dammed up by beaver.

The trees in the Memory Forest are doing well.

Mr. MacGregor has walked all of the trails and they are pretty clear with exception of the low areas that are muddy. Hopefully those areas will be dried out in about two weeks.

Mr. Barnhart will request an update from the Building Inspector with regard to heating and air conditioning the Reynolds House.

There was a nice article in today's Somers Record about the Reynolds House written by Somers Historical Society board member Phil Merkel.

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 – Hudsonia's Gretchen Stevens continues to work on updating the biodiversity maps and Mr. Barnhart has begun answering the list of questions she has.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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