

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2018

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

Rosey VanWart was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci and seconded by Mr. MacGregor to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

Manteau – 76 Moseman Avenue – The Committee reviewed and discussed a Wetland Activity Permit for the Manteau residence located at 76 Moseman Avenue for an 18' x 40' in ground pool, equipment and terrace. The Committee is disinclined to favor the application as the paperwork provided lacks information: there is no indication as to where the septic fields are or who established the wetland boundaries; and there appears to be potential for adverse wetland impacts. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Odell – 157 Route 118 – A Wetland Activity Permit for the Odell residence located at 157 Route 118 was reviewed and discussed by the Committee for stormwater improvements; new covered dumpster pad for new horse manure dumpster; gravel laneway for dumpster pad; new fencing; extension of water line and electric for new hydrant and waterers. The Committee had no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Chuck Dammeyer has almost completed framing the stairwell area of the Reynolds House. In addition, the rough electric and plumbing has been completed. They still have to pull the line from the well into the house. A heat pump will be placed in the attic that will also provide air conditioning. A proposal was received to spray foam all walls and rafters. Upon completion the house will be sheet rocked. Grading around the house still has to take place.

The gardens are in pretty good shape.

Last Sunday there was an accident on Route 139. The car went airborne and went it landed, it took out all the invasives and multi-flora.

In November, hedge trimming and tree clearing has to be done.

Hans Elsevier will brush hog the meadow as well as mow the Memory Forest.

The Highway Department filled in some of the holes at the entryway.

A generous donation of an Ingersoll Case tractor was received. It has a snowblower in the front and a mower can be mounted underneath it. Ideal would be to get a wagon for it in the future.

All of the Scout projects are moving along nicely.

Work days are scheduled for November 3rd as well as the 18th. The focus will be on the maintenance of trails.

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 – Mr. Barnhart emailed Hudsonia Ltd.'s Gretchen Stevens requesting and update on the project she is working on completing the biodiversity maps. He is waiting on a response.

Invasive Plant Local Law Referral – The Town Board passed a resolution about enacting a local law concerning invasive plants, in particular bamboo. It has been referred to the Open Space Committee for review and comment. Mrs. Schirmer will forward all of the information to the members so that a response can be drafted.

NEW BUSINESS

Corp of Engineers Proposals for Storm Surge Barriers in NY Harbor – The Corp of Engineers is proposing to put barriers in the NY harbor in an effort to control storm surges. The deadline for comments is November 5th. Mr. Barnhart will work on a draft of a resolution for everyone's review and comment.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 18th at 4:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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