

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**MICHAEL BARNHART**  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 15, 2021**

Chairman Barnhart called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Bob MacGregor, Gail Simpson, and Rosey Van Wart.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor and seconded by Mrs. Van Wart to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**APPLICATIONS**

**Town Owned Property Purchase Referrals** – The abutting neighbor to 8 Boxwood Drive, as well as 9 and 13 Acacia Drive would like to purchase these parcels from the Town. The Committee felt it was best to leave them as open space. In addition, the owner of 20 Lounsbury Drive would like to purchase two abutting parcels at the back of their property and again, the Committee felt it was best to leave them as open space.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

**Chair's Report**

**Angle Fly Preserve**

The focus has been on keeping the trails open and in use.

As has been evident since the pandemic began, the trails are getting a lot of use.

The raspberries are in full bloom.

The beaver are active.

A Girl Scout is interested in doing a project for her Silver Award at Angle Fly.

The mile a minute is spreading.

Mr. Barnhart will speak with Carol Reif about doing an article on the Reynolds House.

### **Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification**

It was reported to Mrs. Schirmer on March 19<sup>th</sup> that Andy Burgher of NYSDEC hopes that he can transmit the modification package to the Office of the Attorney General for their final review the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> and in the conversations that he has been having over the past four months with their office, he anticipates a quick turn around on the approval. An update was requested on June 28<sup>th</sup> with no response.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**OSC Membership in the NYS Urban Forestry Council** – Mrs. Schirmer has been trying to reach out to the Council to see if they would bill the Committee for this membership to no avail. The discussion will continue at the September meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Grant to Inventory Trees** – Mr. Barnhart had a conversation with Woodard and Curran's Steve Robbins about the NYSDEC grant the Town received for a community forest inventory and management plan on select public properties. An RFP will be put out to hire an arborist to do an inventory and write a Community Forest Management Plan on trees at the Town House, Annex, Bailey Park, Highway Department, Mt. Zion, Reis Park, Wright-Reis Homestead, Van Tassell Park and the 11-acre Conservation Easement Modification area at Angle Fly Preserve. The Town Board will hire the arborist with input from the Open Space Committee. The Committee will also be responsible for assisting the Town with communications regarding the project and photo documenting some of the more significant trees featured.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Assessor  
Planning Board