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MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2022

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. The meeting was held via Zoom.

MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor and seconded by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS
There were no applications this month.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Angle Fly Preserve
The trails are open with some needing maintenance.

The two Scout projects near the beaver dam area have been completed.

There has been an influx of bird watchers along the roadway, near the pond and in the memory forest.

A&V Home Improvement are storing some trees and shrubs that will be planted around Angle Fly.

A&V Home Improvement will be working on drainage around the Reynolds House.

A&V Home Improvement will be putting gutters on the Reynolds House.

The Reynolds House has been taped, and the next project is interior painting.

An aggressive disease is hitting beech trees locally on their leaves and bark, including those at Angle Fly. It is such a new issue that there is little information about it and no recommended treatment.

A few downed trees need to be removed from the trails. Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor will coordinate.

The tree planted for Bill Kuebler is doing well.

Calendars will be consulted so that a work day can be set up in July or August to do trail maintenance and weed whacking.

There is a very serious encroachment on the property behind 26 Route 139. A cease-and-desist letter will be sent.

Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update – Mrs. Schirmer received an update from the Supervisor's office on May 18, 2022: Kim DeLucia spoke with Patrick Miglio from the DEC. The Inspection Letter from the 4/13 walkthrough was mailed out yesterday. Mr. Miglio sent the proposed agreement to the DEC office in Albany for review a few weeks ago. He followed up with them yesterday. Next steps – Mr. Miglio will send the Town the agreement once it is good to go. The Town will sign the agreement. Westchester County will sign the agreement. The NYS Comptroller will sign the agreement and the NYS Attorney General will sign the agreement. The one hiccup in all of this is that the DEC cannot find their copy of the baseline documentation report when the original easement was instituted. It's not the end of the world since the DEC would have to recreate on their end. The new agreement will have a section that states the baseline documentation report needs to be updated.

Tree Board Updates

Town Tree Inventory – Some trees at Angle Fly have been identified in the Tree Inventory done as part of the grant made possible by the Town Tree City designation. At some point, Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor will make recommendations about those trees.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 28th 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