

**Town of New Paltz**  
**Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)**  
**DRAFT Minutes, Meeting of April 8, 2015, at the Community Center**

**Members Present:** Brad Barclay, Lynn Bowdery, Marion DuBois, Richard Fiesel, John Gotto, Marty Irwin, Seth McKee, Dennis Moore

**Town Officials:** Dan Torres

**Public present:** Peter Cody, for a short while until he left to wait for the EnCB to arrive.

**Minutes taken by:** Lynn Bowdery, CWOSP Commission member and Secretary

**1. Meeting called to order at:** 7:07 PM by Chairman Marty Irwin, seconded by Dennis Moore

**2. Public Comments:** No public comments were made.

**3. Review & Approve Minutes - March 11, 2015 Meeting:** The blanks in agenda item no. 7 were supplied. No other changes were made. Richard Fiesel moved to accept the minutes as amended; John Gotto seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**4. WVLT Stewardship - Status of approval to proceed:** Marty Irwin said he has been trying to get confirmation from the Supervisor but hasn't heard anything from her yet. He will notify WVLT when he does.

**5. & 6.** Shifted later in the meeting, see below.

**8. Village's *Future of the Wallkill River* task force - Update:** (Addressed out of order because we are waiting for the EnCB to get to the part of their agenda which is joint with CWOSP) Marty Irwin has been attending Task Force meetings. He reported that signs warning about the contaminated state of the Wallkill will be put up before the Wallkill Regatta. Riverkeeper says that the Wallkill is the most contaminated Hudson River Tributary. The project will be to improve the Wallkill from Sturgeon Pool upstream to Orange County. Seven municipalities have passed expressions of support. There will be a Conference on *The Future of the Wallkill River* on April 23rd at SUNY New Paltz. A registration link will be open soon on the internet.

**7. Mill Brook Preserve Plan**

**1. Friends Group Update:** Seth McKee said he met with Mike and Julie Lillis and CWOSP Board member Kevin Borden, and that Kevin has lots of great ideas. Julie has put up a trail cam and has lots of clips of animals in the future Preserve. They are planning a public information meeting. Village Mayor Jason West will make the Village Board Room available. Six-year old Bridget Lillis has started a petition drive to support the Preserve. Seth gave them the past history of the plan, and they have some maps.

**2. Seeking Funding:**

**6. Possible Land Acquisition:**

**Motion:** At 7:27 President Marty Irwin moved that the Commission go into executive session. **The complete resolution is attached below.** Dennis Moore seconded the motion. All members

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present voted in favor. The Commission invited Town Board member Dan Torres to join in the executive session. Information was discussed. No votes were taken.

**Motion:** At 8:02 Dennis Moore moved that the executive session be closed. Brad Barclay seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 8:02 PM.

**9. Other Old Business:** None

**10. New Business:** None

**11: Adjournment:** Dennis Moore moved that the CWOSP meeting be adjourned in order that we might join the Environmental Conservation Board to hear a presentation. Marty Irwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

**5. Gunks Climbing Coalition presentation jointly to CWOSP and EnCB:**

Peter Cody of the Gunks Climbers Coalition, a climbers group involved with stewardship of climbing areas and an affiliate of the Access Fund, addressed the EnCB and CWOSP Comm. regarding his group's desire that Minnewaska State Park Preserve enlarge the rock climbing opportunities there, particularly on areas where there was climbing before the land became a park. Peter said that the Park administration is reluctant to undertake management of expanded climbing, believing that additional staff would be needed. He hoped that the Town of New Paltz would give a letter of support for expanded rock climbing. It would involve getting back country permits to cliffs that were not now accessible, such as Gertrude's Nose, Hamilton Point, Castle Point, to Sam's Point. There was some discussion, and the general sense of the people there was supportive.

**Date for Next Meeting:** May 13, 2015

Executive Session Resolution follows on page 3--

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**RESOLUTION**

April 8, 2015

Motion Made By: Marty Irwin

Seconded By: Dennis Moore

Time @ Vote/Start: 7:27 PM

Motion to End By: Dennis Moore

Seconded By: Brad Barclay

Time @ Close: 8:02 PM

**At a Meeting**, duly called for this date,

**Be It RESOLVED** that the Commission shall go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential land for the Town to acquire an interest in, disclosure of which would affect the value thereof.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Barclay, Brad	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Borden, Kevin	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Bowdery, Lynn	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
DuBois, Marion	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Fiesel, Rich	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Gotto, John	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Irwin, Marty	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Lee, Cara	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
McBride, Doug	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
McKee, Seth	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Moore, Dennis	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

**The Motion is:**      **PASSED**      ~~**REJECTED**~~