

**Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

August 11, 2010

Members present: Marty Irwin, Lynn Bowdery, Seth McKee, Marion Dubois, Cara Lee, Fawn Tantillo

Absent: Jim Hyland, Jim Delaune, Doug McBride, Brad Barclay

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Seth McKee.

Public Input:

Leslie Bender and Tom Kastner were present at the meeting. They are interested in learning more about the Commission. There is still 1 vacant seat on the Commission.

Update on Sunset Ridge:

The members looked at a new survey map which has been altered since the last meeting to fix the discrepancies.

- Mr. McKee will follow up with Dave Clouser and Joe Moriello to discuss the changes in the survey map to confirm that they are comfortable with the changes made.

They are hopeful to close on the property next week.

- Ms. Lee will begin drafting a press-release

Moved by Marty Irwin to approve the minutes of June 16, 2010 as amended
2nd by Fawn Tantillo
Vote- unanimous in favor

Moved by Cara Lee to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010 as amended.
2nd by Lynn Bowdery
Vote- unanimous in favor

Update on Mill Brook Preserve:

Rachel Lagodka arranged an informal meeting regarding the preserve last week. There was a good turnout. People are excited about the proposed plans.

The grant application has been submitted to the National Park Service. Hope to hear back regarding the grant sometime soon. The total possible acreage of the preserve is 150 acres.

The Commission talked for a while about preventing people from gathering inappropriately on the property after it is developed. Ms. Lee suggests getting kids involved in the stewardship of the property would help them to respect the property. The police will also need to be sensitive to the area. Ms. Dubois also feels that Woodland Pond will be a wonderful asset to overseeing the preserve. The friends group will be started even if they don't get the grant.

Update on Kira Kinney farm:

Mr. Irwin has prepared an assessment/ summary of this 30 acre farm near the rail trail. The Commission helped Mr. Irwin edit his assessment. Ms. Kinney would like to build farm worker housing. The Commission thinks it would be easier to keep that property separate from the easement.

They continued to go through the assessment and suggested some changes in each section. Mr. McKee suggested making a building envelope for farm worker housing that would be included in the conservation easement, and only keep the area for her home and yard out of the easement.

Update on David Jones:

Mr. Irwin has met with the Jones family. They told him that in the future they would like to keep the farm in the family and build more homes on the property for his children. Mr. Irwin questions why the Town would want to

buy this property to conserve the land. Ms. Tantillo also wonders if there is a value to preserving this more so than any other property. Mr. Jones has expressed a time constraint. Ms. Lee suggested telling him that the Commission cannot meet his calendar needs and that the Commission has not finished evaluating his property.

Moved by Fawn Tantillo to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

The next meeting will be on September 8th at 7:00pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Michelle Hamill.