

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
Approved Minutes, Meeting of November 12, 2014, at the Community Center

Members Present: Brad Barclay, Lynn Bowdery, Richard Fiesel, Marty Irwin, Cara Lee, Seth McKee, Dennis Moore

Town Officials: No one

Public present: Julie and Bridget Lillis

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

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:10 PM by Interim Chairman Marty Irwin

2. Public Comments: Julie Lillis and her daughter Bridget are interested in helping make the Mill Brook Preserve happen. They enjoy taking walks in the proposed preserve area and pick up trash when they do. There was a discussion about what needs to be done and what Julie can help with, having a background as a researcher and nature study. The research done by students Rachel Lagodka worked with was mentioned- it would be useful to analyze the reports to determine what was found where. Seth McKee will send Julie the Mill Brook Preserve Management Plan in its final form. Brad Barclay sees a need for someone to organize the sort of public support that the Town Board needs to see in order to justify the use of public funds. Cara Lee added that the need for a Friends group to support and help manage the preserve has been discussed, and that public parks often have them. She suggested that Julie look at some types of Friends groups to see what would work. Seth said that the immediate next step is to have the Town and Village to officially adopt the plan (it has been accepted). Doing so would enable grant applications to be made. Cara added that the Town and Village Environmental Boards be contacted to recruit interest. Julie said her husband knows how to build trails.

3. Review & Approve Minutes - October 2014 Meeting: Richard Fiesel moved to accept the October minutes as corrected. Brad seconded the Motion. All present voted in favor.

4. Possible Land Acquisition:

Motion: At 8:25 PM, Seth McKee moved that the Commission go into executive session. **The complete resolution is attached below.** The motion was seconded by Marty Irwin. All present voted in favor.

Motion: At 8:33 PM, Cara Lee moved that the executive session be closed. Brad Barclay seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 8:33 PM.

5. Mill Brook Preserve: Marty Irwin has been trying to contact Supervisor Susan Zimet, but has not been able to reach her. Seth McKee has gotten a cost estimate for the basic improvements necessary to open the Mill Brook Preserve from Geoff Carter at Scenic Hudson. Having it will be helpful when making requests for stewardship endowment and grant applications. Document is attached. Cara Lee adds that the cost should be added of an initial tree survey to identify

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hazardous leaning trees that must be removed from the paths before the Preserve can be opened. Also, the cost of having an environmental architect to consult should be in the budget.

6. Other Old Business: None

7. New Business: CWOSP member Tom O'Dowd is moving to Kingston and might not be able to stay on the Board. We need to recruit another member or two-- members are urged to think about this. Dennis Moore might know a person to invite.

8. Adjournment: Dennis Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Fiesel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Resolution follows on page 3--

Proposed Budget for Millbrook Preserve Improvements

Proposed Budget for Mill Brook Preserve Improvements			
Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
5-vehicle parking area (unpaved)	\$10,000	2	\$20,000
Informational kiosk	\$5,000	2	\$10,000
Trail culvert	\$3,500	4	\$14,000
Boardwalk through wetland (per foot)	\$15	100	\$1,500
15-foot bridge over stream	\$5,000	2	\$10,000
Interpretive Signs	\$3,000	3	\$9,000
Benches	\$600	4	\$2,400
			\$66,900

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RESOLUTION

November 12, 2014

Time @ Vote/Start: 8:25 PM

Time @ Close: 8:33 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 several potential lands for the Town to acquire interests in, disclosure of which would affect the values thereof.

Motion made by: Seth McKee

Seconded by: Marty Irwin

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barclay, Brad	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bowdery, Lynn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DuBois, Marion	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Delaune, Jim	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Fiesel, Rich	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Irwin, Marty	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lee, Cara	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
McBride, Doug	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
McKee, Seth	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Moore, Dennis	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O'Dowd, Tom	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
TOTALS	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

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