

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
Approved Minutes, Meeting of April 9, 2014, at Town Hall

Members Present: Marty Irwin, Brad Barclay, Doug McBride, Seth McKee, Tom O'Dowd, Dennis Moore, Lynn Bowdery, Richard Fiesel

Public present: No one

Minutes taken by: Lynn Bowdery, CWOSP Commission member

Meeting called to order at: 7:21 PM by Interim Chairman Marty Irwin

Public Comments: None

Review and Approve Minutes: The March 12, 2014 minutes were discussed and corrections were made. Doug McBride moved to accept the March 12 minutes as corrected; Tom O'Dowd seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Marty will insert tonight's corrections and send them to the Town Clerk and Tom will put them up on the CWOSP page of the Town website.

Review and Approve Invoices: None this meeting

Assembling all historic meeting minutes: Marty cannot find any digital files of final approved minutes, only drafts. Seth and others on the Commission will look through computer files to find more.

New Members: Richard Fiesel was welcomed to the Commission as a member.

Mill Brook Preserve update: Seth reported that he spoke with Michael Zierler, who has been ill, and Michael said that Jason West offered to edit the draft Plan for him. Michael will ask Jason where he is on it and get it back by the end of April.

Stewardship – the Town's Agreement with WVLT: Marty met with WVLT Director Christine DeBoer and reviewed the draft stewardship proposal for 2014. CWOSP is waiting for a specific requisition based on an estimated invoice for the Land Trust to write up. The Commission discussed having quarterly vouchers for Stewardship.

Communications: Dennis Moore handed out a list of email etiquette tips, to make emails more productive and less irritating and liable to error. He reminded us that our Commission emails are not a private communications, and are FOILable. Anything that would be discussed in Executive Session should never be discussed in an email. The takeaway: keep emails brief, summarize, shorten threads, have clear subject headings, acknowledge receipt of emails so sender knows who got it. Check the CC list- only send to people who need to know. Remember to use the telephone.

Other Old Business: Seth asked what happened with the conversations Jim DeLaune had been having with people who had made inquiries. Brad will talk to John Lease about a parcel which is for sale.

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Possible Land Acquisition:

Resolution: I move that CWOSP go into Executive Session. The reason for this is to hear a presentation regarding a potential land for the Town to acquire, disclosure of which would substantially affect the value thereof.

Moved by: Marty Irwin at 8:45 PM

Seconded by: Tom O'Dowd

Yeas: Marty Irwin, Brad Barclay, Doug McBride, Seth McKee, Tom O'Dowd, Dennis Moore, Lynn Bowdery, Richard Fiesel

Nays: None

Moved by: Marty Irwin to come out of Executive Session at 9:02 PM

Seconded by: Brad Barclay

Yeas: All in favor

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 9:03 by Dennis Moore, seconded by Richard Fiesel; all voted in favor.