

**Town of New Paltz**  
**Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)**  
**Approved Minutes, Meeting of February 11, 2015, at the Community Center**

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

**Town Officials:** No one

**Public present:** Kevin Borden, potential CWOSP member

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

**1. Meeting called to order at:** 7:24 PM by Chairman Marty Irwin

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

**3. Review & Approve Minutes - December 2014 Meeting:** A few small changes and corrections were made, and additional information was obtained. Richard Fiesel moved to accept the November minutes as amended. Marty Irwin seconded the Motion. All present voted in favor.

Lynn Bowdery mentioned that because she missed the September 2014 meeting, she has no minutes for that meeting. She asked if anyone who was there took notes. No one remembered having taken notes, but Cara Lee said she would check her files and see if she had any notes.

**4. There are no January minutes because there was no quorum of members present.** The Agenda said February Minutes, but January Minutes were meant.

**5. Recruitment (Agenda item 8 moved to 5):** Dennis Moore introduced potential member Kevin Borden, and a cordial conversation ensued. Kevin has family roots in the region and was drawn back here because of the area's natural beauty. The Commission filled Kevin in on CWOSP Commission's history and accomplishments so far. Kevin described his work history and qualifications.

**6. Possible Land Acquisition:**

**Motion:** At 7:44 PM, Marty Irwin moved that the Commission go into executive session. **The complete resolution is attached below.** The motion was seconded by Doug McBride. All present voted in favor. The Commission decided to include potential member Kevin Borden in the Executive Session with the understanding that he will not disclose any of the discussions of the Executive Session. No votes were taken.

**Motion:** At 8:12 PM, Marty Irwin moved that the executive session be closed. Dennis Moore seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 8:12 PM.

**7. Mill Brook Preserve:** There is a need to get things moving on the Mill Brook Preserve. Julie Lillis, who came to the November meeting, is eager to start. A functional core group of

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people is needed to make things happen. Cara Lee suggested hosting a meeting with other established "Friends" groups to inspire and instruct. The Town and Village have both officially adopted the Mill Brook Preserve Plan. Brad Barclay said work should be started on the property the Town already owns, the Sunset Ridge parcel behind Duzine School. Seth suggests calling a meeting for anyone interested in helping form the Mill Brook Preserve Friends group- have them get organized and going- they will need to ask the Town and the School Board for permission to start implementing the Plan. We must reach out to people involved in the Plan, particularly Rachel Lagodka and Michael Zierler.

Marty will find out when space in Village Hall is available for a meeting.

**8. Village's Wallkill River Task Force:** Marty Irwin went to the task force meeting. There was a discussion of how much to try to fix long term. There will be a conference on the Future of the Wallkill River.

**5. Recruitment revisited:** Dennis Moore moved that the Commission recommend that the Town Board appoint Kevin Borden to the CWOSP Commission. Doug McBride seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Marty Irwin will send a letter recommending the appointment of Kevin in the next few days.

**9. Date for Next Meeting:** March 11, 2015

**10. Other Old Business:** The acquisition by Open Space Institute of the large Watchtower property was discussed. This scenic property was one of the most important views identified in the New Paltz Open Space Plan's public discussions. Lynn Bowdery moved that a letter to the editor from the entire CWOSP Commission be written celebrating this important land preservation. Richard Fiesel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Lynn will write up a letter incorporating members' suggestions and circulate a draft before submitting it to the New Paltz Times.

**11. New Business:** None

**12. Adjournment:** Marty Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug McBride seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Executive Session Resolution follows on page 3--

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**RESOLUTION**

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Motion Made By: Marty Irwin

Seconded By: Doug McBride

Time @ Vote/Start: 7:44 PM

Motion to End By: Marty Irwin

Seconded By: Dennis Moore

Time @ Close: 8:12 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>	___	___	___
Bowdery, Lynn	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
DuBois, Marion	___	___	<u>X</u>	___
Delaune, Jim	___	___	<u>X</u>	___
Fiesel, Rich	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Irwin, Marty	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Lee, Cara	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
McBride, Doug	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
McKee, Seth	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Moore, Dennis	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
***Vacant***	___	___	___	___
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

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