

Town of New Paltz

Clean Water Open Space Protection (CWOSP) Commission Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2012 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jim DeLaune, Marty Irwin, Lynn Bowdery, Bradford Barclay, Seth McKee, Tom O'Dowd, Marion DuBois and Cara Lee.

Public Present: Melanie Schmidt

Call meeting to order: Jim DeLaune called the meeting to order at 7:10

Public comments: none

Discussion with Susan Zimet (To Be Confirmed): It was discussed that CWOSP should meet with the new Town Supervisor Susan Zimet to give a briefing on what CWOSP does and what the commission is currently working on.

The proposed agenda for the meeting includes:

1. Encouraging the town to enter into a contract with Wallkill Valley Land Trust (WVLT) for stewardship duties on Town held easements
2. Discussing the role that the WVLT should play in monitoring, creating baselines or doing condition reports on easements
3. Discussing the budget for CWOSP in 2012
4. Discussing/Implementing proposed public policy
5. Discussing Kinney property

It was suggested that the Mill Brook Preserve be discussed in a separate meeting because it is a complex issue.

Marty Irwin will contact Susan Zimet to set up a meeting time.

Review & Approve Minutes of December Meeting: Motion to accept by Lynn Bowdery. Second by Marty Irwin. Vote unanimous in favor.

Kira Kinney CE – Appraisal Proposal: Jim DeLaune contacted several appraisers it was decided that CWOSP would move forward in hiring Greg Langer from Valuation Consultants to do the appraisal for Kira Kinney's property.

Dave Jones – Feedback from Seth: Seth McKee contacted Dave Jones to inform him off CWOSP's decision not to move forward with his project at this time.

Public Participation Policy Discussion: Seth McKee proposed a Policy on Public Participation at CWOSP Meetings. The proposed policy will be sent to Joseph Moriello the Town's consultant attorney and will be further discussed at the meeting with Susan Zimet.

Mill Brook Preserve – NPS / Karl Beard support – Feedback from Seth: Seth McKee contacted Karl Beard pertaining to the possibility of a grant for work on Mill Brook Preserve. Mr. Beard responded that the proposed project had not been accepted but that CWOSP could re-apply for grant assistance. Mill Brook Preserve will be further discussed with Susan Zimet.

Web Site: Brad Barclay will contact Dennis Moore pertaining to assistance in developing a website for CWOSP.

New Business: Jim DeLaune expressed an interest in getting another project started. It was discussed that commission members will start looking for possible properties that might be available and would be beneficial to Clean Water Open Space Protection in New Paltz. The possibility of getting an easement for the Watchtower uplands property was discussed. Jim DeLaune will contact Bob Anderberg of the Open Space Institute and invite him to the next meeting to further discuss plans for the property.

Adjournment: Cara Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, Brad Barclay seconded, vote unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting will be February 8th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall