

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

Members Present: Lynn Bowdery, Marion DuBois, Richard Fiesel, Marty Irwin, Cara Lee (arrived late), Seth McKee, Dennis Moore, Tom O'Dowd

Public present: No one

Minutes taken by: Lynn Bowdery, CWOSP Commission member

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:05 PM by Interim Chairman Marty Irwin

2. Public Comments: None

3. Possible Land Acquisition:

Motion: At 7:08 PM, Marty Irwin moved that the Commission go into executive session. **The complete resolution is attached below.** The motion was seconded by Tom O'Dowd. All present voted in favor.

Motion: At 7:48 Dennis Moore moved that the executive session be closed. Lynn Bowdery seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 7:48.

4. Mill Brook Preserve: Seth McKee said that the Mill Brook Preserve Plan document must be in the hands of the DEC by the end of August or some of the grant money that the Town and Village received to do the study would very possibly have to be returned. A discussion was had over what remained to be done with the various edits and changes proposed. Seth said he would take the document, insert his changes which had been left out by earlier editors, and review the other edits and changes, get Michael Zierler to contact K.T. Tobin to get her most important edits to make the plan more useful for grant writing, and have the plan ready to send to the rest of the Commission before August 8th. Then it can be reviewed and forwarded to the DEC, and also the Town and Village for their adoption. Richard Feisel said he wanted the plan to be more explicit about the benefits to the local people of the proposed Preserve.

Motion: Dennis Moore moved that the Commission authorize Seth McKee to do this editing work. The motion was seconded by Marion DuBois. All present voted in favor. Thank you Seth!

5. Review and Approve Minutes: The minutes for the April, May and June meetings were approved as corrected. Lynn Bowdery will incorporate the corrections and submit the approved minutes to the Town Clerk, and also email the approved minutes to all CWOSP Commission members.

6. Other Old Business: None.

7. New Business: Members were polled about their ability to attend the next meeting on the second Wednesday of August. There will not be a quorum. Since it is important to review the final Mill Brook Preserve Plan, an alternate date was discussed.

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Motion: Cara Lee moved that the date for the next meeting be moved to Wednesday, August 20th. The motion was seconded by Tom O'Dowd. All present voted in favor. Marty will notify the Town Clerk of the changed date for the Town notices and calendar.

Cara Lee reported that she had attended a meeting of local land conservation non-profit organizations concerning the Town Assessor's move to remove the property tax exemption from non-profit organizations that were not religious or schools. This trend goes beyond New Paltz. There is a need for a report on the benefits that open space and historic preservation non-profits bring to the Hudson Valley Economy.

8. Adjournment: Marty Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Fiesel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

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RESOLUTION

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Time @ Vote/Start: 7:08 PM

Time @ Close: 7:48 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: Marty Irwin

Seconded by: Tom O'Dowd

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barclay, Brad	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Bowdery, Lynn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DuBois, Marion	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTALS	<u> 7 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 4 </u>

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