

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

**Members Present:** Brad Barclay, Kevin Borden, Lynn Bowdery, Richard Fiesel, Marty Irwin, Cara Lee, Seth McKee,

**Town Officials:** No one

**Public present:** John Gotto, potential CWOSP member

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

**1. Meeting called to order at:** 7:12 PM by Chairman Marty Irwin

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

**3. Accept Jim DeLaune's Resignation:** Marty Irwin read Jim DeLaune's letter of resignation to the members present. We are sorry to lose Jim but respect his reasons.

**Motion:** Marty moved that Jim's resignation be accepted. Seth McKee seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The letter is attached at the end of these minutes.

**4. Meet John Gotto:** Potential CWOSP Commission member John Gotto said it was his personal interest in the environment and outdoor activities that led him to settle in New Paltz, and also attracts him to be involved in the work of the Commission. A conversation followed, in which the basic function and history of the CWOSP Commission, Open Space Plan and Open Space Bond approval, and progress on the Mill Brook Preserve were discussed.

**Motion:** Seth McKee moved that we recommend to the Town Board that John be appointed to the CWOSP Commission. Brad Barclay seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

**5. Review & Approve Minutes - February 11, 2015 Meeting:** It was noted that a line from the December minutes had been left in place when they were used as a template for the February minutes. That line was struck out. Seth McKee moved to accept the February minutes as amended. Richard Fiesel seconded the Motion. All present voted in favor.

**6. Possible Land Acquisition - Update:**

**Motion:** At 7:30 PM, Marty Irwin moved that the Commission go into executive session. **The complete resolution is attached below.** The motion was seconded by Brad Barclay. All present voted in favor. The Commission decided to include potential member John Gotto 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 8:02 PM, Lynn Bowdery moved that the executive session be closed. Richard Fiesel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 8:02 PM.

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**7. Mill Brook Preserve Plan - Next Steps:**

**1. Public information session-** Alternative ways to get information out to the public were discussed.

**1. Joint with Village -** The Plan has been officially adopted by both the Village and the Town. Both should be involved.

**2. @ Village Board Room-** Jason West has assured Marty that the Village's large meeting room can be made available when a meeting is scheduled.

**2. Seeking Funding** The ensuing discussion touched on the \$75,000 budget for the Preserve-- could it be fleshed out more? Tahawus Trails not only builds trails but offers consulting and planning services. Ulster County-- a source of funding? the County is working on an Open Space Plan and trails are important. The Community Foundation and the Nyquist Foundation might be applied to for some funding.

Seth McKee will get Kevin Borden together with Julie Lillis so they can brainstorm on how to start moving the plan along. It was asked if we have a good enough map to help plan access. We do have survey maps of the Sunset Ridge Property. Applications for grants to get funding must be made.

**8. Village's Wallkill River Task Force:** Marty Irwin gave an update on the **Future of the Wallkill River-** conference to be held April 16th at SUNY. The scope of the Task Force is to be from the Wallkill's confluence with Rondout Creek upstream to Orange County. The goal is to make the river swimmable. Signs will be put up advising people with compromised immune systems not to swim in the river. Jason West is contacting other towns with a resolution that they can adopt to improve the river-- he is reaching out to five towns in Ulster County, four towns in Orange County, and one in Sullivan County.

**9. Recruitment - John Gotto:** Done in item 4, above.

**10. Web Site Updates and additions:** Not discussed due to absence of Dennis Moore.

**11. WIFI in Community Building:** There is WIFI in the Community Center. The Log In is CommCenter [note caps]. We can access the internet on our laptops and mobile devices.

**12. Other Old Business:** Lynn Bowdery asked on behalf of the Wallkill Valley Land Trust whether WVLT's proposed stewardship voucher for Jan-June 2015 had been approved. Marty Irwin said he would follow up on that.

**13. New Business:** None.

**14. Adjournment:** Brad Barclay moved to adjourn the meeting. Seth McKee seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Date for Next Meeting:** April 8, 2015

Executive Session Resolution follows on page 3--

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**RESOLUTION**

March 11, 2015

Motion Made By: Marty Irwin

Seconded By: Brad Barclay

Time @ Vote/Start: 7:30 PM

Motion to End By: Lynn Bowdery

Seconded By: Richard Fiesel

Time @ Close: 8:02 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>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Borden, Kevin	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Bowdery, Lynn	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
DuBois, Marion	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Delaune, Jim	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Fiesel, Rich	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Irwin, Marty	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Lee, Cara	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
McBride, Doug	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
McKee, Seth	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Moore, Dennis	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

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

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Letter of resignation from Jim DeLaune

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**Marty Irwin**

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**From:** Jim <jim@oclt.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** 'Marty Irwin'; 'Martin Irwin'  
**Subject:** CWOSP  
  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

March 10, 2015

Dear Marty,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position on the CWOSP Commission, effective immediately.

My other commitments have become too great for me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position on the commission, and I feel it is best for me to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the job.

If I can be of any assistance during the time it will take to fill the position, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best Regards,

Jim DeLaune