

Town of New Paltz

Clean Water Open Space Protection (CWOSP) Commission Meeting

Minutes

December 14, 2011 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Delaune, Marty Irwin, Lynn Bowdery, Bradford Barclay, Seth McKee, Tom O'Dowd, Doug McBride, Marion Dubois and Jim Hyland

Guests Present: Kira Kinney and Olivia McKee

Call Meeting to Order: 7:00 PM

No Public Comments

Meet with Kira Kinney to discuss CE: Kira Kinney accepts the term sheet as is. The future plan was discussed as to moving forward with the easement process. The next step is to hire an appraiser to appraise the value of the property with and without an easement. The value of the easement will then be determined based on the difference and CWOSP will make Ms. Kinney an offer. If Ms. Kinney accepts the offer the easement will be brought before the Town Board for approval. Pete Hubbell and Greg Langer from Valuation Consultants will be contacted as possible professional appraisers.

Review and Approve Minutes of November 9th, 2011 Meeting: Motion to accept by Doug McBride, Second by Brad Barclay, Vote unanimous in favor

Discuss Wallkill Valley Land Trust (WVLT) Proposal to Town for Stewardship Services: Brad Barclay and Lynn Bowdery recused themselves because of involvement with WVLT. The contract has been completed by WVLT, it proposes that the WVLT will perform stewardship duties on town held easements. It was discussed that the Town should also consider hiring WVLT to do monitoring on easements already held by the Town.

Doug McBride moved that: CWOSP recommend to the Town Board that they engage the contract with WVLT and put in place a mechanism to make sure that the Town Board requests tasks to be performed. The proposed tasks are monitoring for the Palmateer Property and doing condition reports for Sunset Ridge.

Discuss David Jones Farm: At the request of the owner CWOSP re-reviewed the ranking done for the Jones Farm and re-confirmed that CWOSP will not move forward with this project at this point in time.

Discuss Web Site- Content and "How to" (Dennis Moore): CWOSP discussed what information the new website will contain. The following was proposed:

1) Home Page: basic info, description, mission, links to enabling legislation, contact information, etc.

2) Members with terms and office

3) Forms: property ranking, applications, etc.

4) Minutes, Agendas, Meeting Schedule, Public Policy

5) Photo Gallery of preserved property

6) Mill Brook Preserve: links to consultants' reports, maps, etc.

7) Maps: locations of preserved properties

8) Links: Land Trust Alliance

Dennis Moore has offered to assist in the website design, Brad Barclay will contact him.

Discuss Budget for 2012: Because of the confusion surrounding the Town's Budget CWOSP's proposed budget should be in effect for 2012 but CWOSP will find out as soon as possible.

Discuss Meeting with Susan Zimet : Marty Irwin and Jim Delaune will set up a meeting with the new Town Supervisor Susan Zimet to discuss next year's business.

Meeting Adjourned: Lynn Bowdery moved to adjourn at 8:30 Tom O'Dowd seconded, vote unanimous in favor.