

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
Approved Minutes, Meeting of December 14, 2016, at the Community Center

Members Present: Brad Barclay, Lynn Bowdery, Richard Fiesel, John Gotto, Seth McKee, and Dennis Moore

Town Officials: None

Public present: None.

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

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:08 PM by Chairman Dennis Moore

2. Public comments: There were no public comments.

3. Review, amend & approve minutes: After a brief discussion, Seth McKee moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting as amended. Richard Feisel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

4. Taliaferro application: Dennis Moore reported that the Taliaferro application is on hold for now. *Lynn Bowdery and Seth McKee recused themselves from voting or expressing opinions regarding this proposal, as employees of Scenic Hudson and Wallkill Valley Land Trust, non-profits involved in this transaction.* Equity Trust has met with Pete Taliaferro and it needs a new appraisal. Letters were not yet written to the Town as previously proposed, pending whether a letter needs to include wording about Equity Trust's participation.

5. Mill Brook Preserve update: Dennis Moore reported that a draft of the Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and Mill Brook Preserve, Inc. (MBP, Inc.) and Wallkill Valley Land Trust is almost ready. A CFA grant for \$318,000 has been awarded. Specifications for what the CFA grant will fund does not match what the Town Conservation Easement will allow. Dennis Moore is meeting with Village planner David Gilmour to discuss implementation. Dennis explained that the specifications for a multi-use trail in the CE and grant application to not correspond.

The Village of New Paltz is still negotiating the wording of the conservation easement on its parcel of MBP land with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust. Village Trustee Rebecca Rotzler is working with the Village attorney on it.

6. Review of Open Space Protection Plan: John Gotto reviewed the Open Space Protection Plan and wonders about the planning aspect- what could CWOSP Commission be doing to move forward the planning suggestions in the Plan? A general discussion followed. Critical Environmental Area designations could be something CWOSP Comm. could be involved in. An Ecological Inventory of the type that Hudsonia does is a possibility. We might also look at other Open Space Protection Plan character areas and think about what we might do there.

7. January and February Meetings: Due to the lack of time-sensitive work before the CWOSP Comm. and expected travel plans of members, it was decided that there will be no January and February 2017 meetings. The next meeting will be on March 8, 2017.

8. Other business: None.

9. New business: None.

10. Adjournment: Brad Barclay moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Gotto seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.