

Town of New Paltz

Clean Water and Open Space Protection (CWOSP) Commission Meeting

Draft Minutes

January 9, 2013 7:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Delaune, Marty Irwin, Brad Barclay, Lynn Bowdery, Douglas McBride, Tom O'Dowd, Seth McKee, and Kevin Barry--Town Board Liaison

Guests Present: None

Public Present: None

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Jim Delaune

Minutes from previous meeting were not read

Commission Membership & Recruitment: Regarding the advertisements, there were no confirmed responses. The need for a farm presence on the Commission was noted. Jim Delaune suggested inviting Bob McKenna in for an interview. Brad Barclay suggested asking Jim Highland to suggest a farmer to be invited to join the board. Carol Conolly will also be talked to. Seth proposed approaching Michel Zieler.

Palmateer Site Monitoring Review Update: Stacy Delarede, the Town of New Paltz Building Inspector, was contacted by Lynn Bowdery about the monitoring report for the Palmateer easement. Stacy sent the monitoring report and a cover letter to the Palmateers, calling their attention to three easement violations and asking them to correct them and report back. Lynn said that Vern called her and said the problem with the tree stands and ATV was amicably settled with his neighbor. About the problem of the brush piles, Lynn Bowdery brought up the issue of the wording of the easement which forbids the dumping of non-composted organic materials. This problem was discussed. To clarify why that wording was used in the conservation easement, it was decided that Lynn will talk to the OSI and Paul Elconin, and Jim Delaune will ask the appraiser, Greg Lander, if a small change in the easement wording would affect the value of the appraisal.

New Business: Seth asked for ideas of what CWOSP could be doing if no interests in land are to be acquired. Marty Irwin proposed that CWOSP Commission work to advance the Millbrook Preserve if it was supported by the town and it fit the criteria (?). Brad suggested working on public access to trails on Woodland Pond. Douglas McBride pointed out the resistance by people at Woodland Pond protective of their private property.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Douglas McBride at 8:09, Second by Marty Irwin, Voted unanimous in favor.