

**Town of New Paltz**  
**Clean Water and Open Space Protection (CWOSP) Commission**  
**Minutes, Meeting of December 11, 2013 at Town Hall**

**Members present:** Jim DeLaune, Marty Irwin, Tom O'Dowd, Brad Barclay, Cara Lee, Doug McBride, Seth McKee, Lynn Bowdery

**Guests present:** Dennis Moore

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting was called to order** at 7:08PM by Chairman Jim DeLaune

**Public Comments:** None

**Meet with Dennis Moore:** Former CWOSP member Dennis Moore would like to serve on the Commission again. After introducing himself to the CWOSP members who have joined the Commission since he left it, it was unanimously decided to recommend to the Town Board that Dennis be appointed to serve on the CWOSP Commission and fill the position left open by Fawn Tantillo.

**Approval of Minutes:** There are no minutes to approve from our last meeting. Reminy Bacon has not been attending to take the minutes and no one has heard from her. Lynn Bowdery volunteered to take the minutes until things can be straightened out. (Reminy's current email address is reminy13@gmail.com)

**Past Minutes:** Marty Irwin informed the Commission that Rosanna Mazzacari, the Town Clerk, has asked for all the back meeting minutes. ***The members will all look in their records and computer files,*** bring them in, and someone will go through them and compile a set for the Clerk. Marty also reminded Commission members that we all have to submit new financial disclosure forms for 2014 to the Town Clerk.

**Possible Land Acquisition:** A motion was made by Marty Irwin to go into Executive Session, the reason for which is to discuss a potential property for the Town to acquire, disclosure of which would substantially affect the value thereof.

The motion was seconded by Seth McKee.

Yeas: All

Nays: None.

Dennis Moore departed from the room during the Executive Session.

Marty Irwin moved that the Commission come out of executive session.

The motion was seconded by Seth McKee.

Yeas: All

Nays: None.

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**Mill Brook Preserve Update:** Seth provided his comments on the draft. Michael Zierler is working on it and anticipates finishing by the end of 2013. Nan Stolzenberg will enter our changes. The final installment of the HREP grant will be applied for. CWOSP will present the final draft in another information meeting, perhaps at Deyo Hall. Then CWOSP will make a recommendation to the Town Board that the Plan be accepted. Seth will prepare time frame for this work-- March would be a good time for an informational meeting. A date that doesn't conflict with other meetings must be found.

**Discuss an Information Session regarding the *Value of Open Space*:** This was suggested by Glenn Hoagland, of the Mohonk Preserve. The Commission likes the idea and would like to make the topic more relevant to the New Paltz community by linking it to Mill Brook Preserve as a preamble to the informational session on the Plan. Or could a talk be given by someone from the Trust for Public Land or the American Farmland Trust?

**Review & Approve Invoices:** The Commission decided to put off approval of the Valuation Consultant invoice pending possible revisions or additions to the work.

**Town's Agreement with WVLT - Status Report/Schedule:** Lynn Bowdery submitted a worksheet showing what stewardship work has been done so far on the Town's conservation easement properties. The WVLT has not received any payment from the town although two invoices for work done from January through August for a total of \$5,157.75, and more work not yet billed has been done. There have been some questions from the Town Board regarding specifics on the earlier invoices. The Commission will ask to have a presentation by WVLT on stewardship work put on the agenda of the next Town Board meeting.

**Other Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Doug McBride told the Commission about the Woodland Pond observation platform that was built on the east side of the pond, and about a trail loop extension being built by an Eagle Scout. Funding for these things was provided by private donations rather than using Woodland Pond money. It is an example of park oriented projects being funded by non-users who nevertheless think it is a worthwhile thing to have.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted by LynnBowdery, CWOSP Commission member, January 21, 2014