

Town of New Paltz
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board
Minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2021

Via videoconference, 7:00 pm

Present: Jim Delaune, Pete Ferrante, John Gotto, Cara Lee, John Orfitelli

Kathy Preston, Secretary
Julia Solomon, Mohonk Preserve
Carter Strickland, NYS Trust for Public Land
Tara Hoey, Gardiner Open Space Commission

Absent: Mike Domitrovits, Ingrid Haeckel

Cara called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

1. John G moved, John O 2nd to approve the June minutes as written. All in favor.
2. Jim moved, John O 2nd to approve the July minutes as written. All in favor.
3. John O. reviewed the Real Estate Transfer Tax report for July. The Town received \$79,448.00, bringing the cumulative total to \$141,653.00.
4. The Town is finalizing the paperwork for purchase of the Plutarch Woods auction properties. Walden Associates has completed the Phase I environmental review.
5. The letter of interest was sent to the owner of the 2.6-acre property abutting the Mill Brook Preserve and Cara is awaiting a reply.
6. Cara has met with Jean McGrane and Dave Dukler of the Gardiner EnCB and Town Board to share resources and discuss the CPF process as they move toward adopting a plan of their own. Gardiner's NRI has recently been completed and they are exploring funding and partnership options.
7. Julia Solomon, Director of Conservation Programs for the Mohonk Preserve, and Carter Strickland, State Director of the NYS Trust for Public Land, each presented a brief overview of their organization's mission and accomplishments and answered questions from the group.
8. The board discussed potential next steps, and it was agreed that one area of focus should be determining the properties with the highest need for preservation by utilizing the NRI. Cara will draft a sample summary report as a starting point for the next meeting.
9. For the September meeting, Kathy will ask Ted to give a presentation on the Phase I environmental report for the Plutarch Woods properties.

Cara moved, Jim 2nd to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.