

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
Approved Minutes, Meeting of Wednesday, October 27, 2021 via Zoom

Members present: Lynn Bowdery, John Gotto, Mike Knutson, Cara Lee, Tom Weiner

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 John Gotto

2. Public comments: None

Cara Lee reported what she learned today. She had been trying to contact the owner of a parcel adjacent to Mill Brook Preserve which would be desirable for the Town to acquire. None of her letters drew a response. Cara has a friend who knows the owner, and she suggested to her friend that she get the owner together with Cara so she could talk to her and find out what her plans were for the parcel. Cara's friend talked to the owner, got a response that the owner had no interest in selling it to the Town. Cara sees no point in pursuing it, but she has at least planted a seed of possibility. We thanked Cara for her determined efforts and agreed to drop it.

Cara told us that the Community Preservation Fund has over \$200,000 this month. Tom Weiner asked how many sales that represented. Cara said that John Orfitelli has a record that can be shared. She added that CPF is working now to educate themselves. Gardiner is now going for a Community Preservation Plan.

John asked if it is useful to write a resolution regarding our relationship to CPF, our bi-monthly meetings, not actively pursuing acquisitions. Cara agreed saying that it is good to leave a paper trail. We should find out when the bond expires. John will ask Jean Gallucci.

Cara had to leave the meeting at 7:22.

John will write a draft of the resolution, circulate it for comments, with addition of information on the bond.

Lynn brought up stewardship by Wallkill Valley Land Trust. She will ask for the bill.

The next meeting will be the 4th Wednesday in December, the 22nd, at 7PM.

Mike Knutson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom Weiner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.