

**Town of New Paltz**  
**Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)**  
**Approved Minutes, Meeting of Wednesday, December 22, 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:** 7:05 PM by Chairman John Gotto

**2. Public comments:** None

**3. Draft memorandum on the mission and operations of CWOSP in light of CPP and RETT:**

Chairman Gotto circulated his draft of the memorandum by email before this meeting. He said that it summarized his ideas about the relationship of the Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP) with the Community Preservation Plan (CPP), the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT), and the Community Preservation Fund (CPF), and asked if the members generally agreed with what he had written. All indicated they did.

Tom Weiner asked who the audience was for the memorandum.

Lynn said it should be sent to the Town Board and the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board.

John said that he had talked to Jean Gallucci, the Town Comptroller, who told him that there was no expiration of the authority of CWOSP, and that the Open Space Bond does not expire. There was a general discussion of the bond and the servicing of the debt on it. He clarified that our role is only to recommend that the Town Board use the bond for particular purchases—we do not authorize spending bond money. He went on to say that the memorandum could use some wordsmithing, editing and tightening up, so we will wait and put a final version in the next meeting's minutes.

Tom asked if we have had any contact from the Town Board's liaison. John replied that Alex Baer was our liaison but she has indicated she will no longer be able to carry out this function by attending our meetings. John has told Alex that we will take care to inform her when particular CWOSP issues may call for her to communicate them to the Town Board.

**4. Next year's calendar:** We will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every other month, starting February 23. Our meetings will be online for the foreseeable future due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

Lynn mentioned that she had asked Christie DeBoer at the Walkkill Valley Land Trust if they had submitted an invoice for their stewardship services. Christie said they will prepare and submit an invoice. Lynn will ask them to email it to John Gotto so he can see that it is taken care of. John will make sure that the CWOSP budget and WVLT things are OK.

The next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in February, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7PM.

Mike Knutson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom Weiner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.