

**Community Preservation Advisory Board**  
Draft Minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2023  
New Paltz Community Center

**Present:** Jim DeLaune, Cara Lee (by phone), Peter Ferrante, Neil Bettez, John Gotto, Michael Domitrovits (by phone)

**Absent:** John Orfitelli

1. **Call to Order** - Cara called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. **Minutes** - Jim moved, Mike 2nd to approve the February minutes as written. All in favor.
3. **RETT Report** – February report reviewed.
4. **Review of Active Properties of Interest**
  - **Million Dollar Farm** – Waiting for weather and conditions to tour farm with owner.
  - **Dodd Farm** – Outreach confirmed that it is not a good time to contact owner directly.
  - **Big Woods** - OSI is prepared to make an offer at a new appraised value.
  - **Karl** – In discussion with Scenic Hudson. Possibility of NYS Community Forest Grant
5. **CPF/CWOSP Discussion** – It was agreed that the functions of CWOSP and the CPF Advisory Board are redundant and that the work of the CWOSP Commission is being covered by the newer CPF Board. It was agreed, informed by John Gotto, Chair of the CWOSP Commission, that we should move forward to dissolve that Commission, ensuring that the CPF Board could make recommendations regarding use of the Open Space Bond going forward. Current CWOSP members would be welcome to participate in CPF Board meetings as members of the public.

**RESOLUTION:** Refer CPF and CWOSP laws to Christine Chale to consider the best way to combine the two laws, with the intention of dissolving the CWOSP Commission, while retaining the process for accessing the Open Space Bond.

6. **New Business** – none
7. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Attachments: February RETT Report