

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
Approved Minutes, Meeting of May 15, 2019, at the Community Center

Members Present: Lynn Bowdery, John Gotto, Michael Knutson, and 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. Review, amend, and approve minutes February meeting: The amended minutes of the February 13th meeting were briefly discussed. Michael Knutson moved that they be approved as amended. Tom Weiner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Membership Issues: Chairman John Gotto reported that the Town Law reconstituting the CWOSP Commission to have a seven member board was passed. Richard Fiesel and Cara Lee still need to be reappointed. We still need one more member.

5. Update on path to Mill Brook Preserve - outreach to property owner?: No update on the path yet.

6. Comments on CWOSP Commission input to 299 Gateway rezoning proposal: Cara Lee had sent a comment to John G. No one else did. John will write a letter to the Town Board before the next meeting. He feels that zoning issues are somewhat outside of the CWOSP Commission's mandate.

7. Begin map exercise - identifying CWOSP protection targets: We looked at the official town map, which has lot lines and zoning, and discussed which areas have not had any land preservation efforts by CWOSP, and areas where applications might be solicited, based on possible conservation values. After studying parcels, we assigned ourselves the task of applying our project rating guidelines to some interesting parcels to discuss at our next meeting. It would be useful to have a map showing the properties in New Paltz that are already protected by conservation easements or are otherwise protected. The Wallkill Valley Land Trust has been working to create such a map. Lynn Bowdery will ask them about its status. After doing some research, we will discuss the possibility of approaching landowners to assess their interest in land preservation.

8. New business: None.

9. Adjournment: Mike Knutson moved the meeting be adjourned. John seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Our next meeting will be June 12, 2019.