

Town of New Paltz
Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission (CWOSP)
APPROVED Minutes, Meeting of September 11, 2019, at the Community Center

Members Present: Lynn Bowdery, John Gotto, Michael Knutson and Tom Weiner

Town Officials: Marty Irwin, Town Board Liaison

Public present: None

Minutes taken by: Lynn Bowdery, CWOSP Commission member and Secretary

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:01 PM by Chairman John Gotto

2. Public comments: None

3. Review and approve minutes August meeting: The draft minutes of the August 14th meeting were briefly discussed. Amendments had been made in advance of the meeting. Mike Knutson moved that they be approved as presented. John Gotto seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Update on ongoing projects: John Gotto reported that Cara Lee hasn't been able to contact the owner of a property of interest; she will keep trying. John himself did not contact Amanda LaValle concerning Ulster County's properties east of North Ohioville Road. He will try to find out what the County has in mind for them. Lynn mentioned a small parcel that might provide parking and access to the east end of Mill Brook Preserve. A short discussion about access possibilities ensued.

5. Preliminary review of CWOSP protection targets: Tom Weiner went through his rating of a parcel in the northern part of town, and with the information he had came up with 46 points, or possibly 66 if it is being used as pasture. Mike rated a property he found interesting. It scored points in many of the categories, and he came up with a score of 150 points. John rated a parcel with great scenic value at an admittedly generous 112 points. Lynn rated two parcels, both with recreational and educational potential, and they came in with 109 and 71 points. We discussed the characteristics and possibilities of each of these parcels, both as a way to evaluate how to move forward with open space preservation and get experience working with the rating guidelines and share information. It appears that some of the rating system points criteria might miss some aspects of land parcels that are worth considering. Lynn will put together a collection of information resources, by scanning documents and gathering links to online resources, for the use of the commission members.

We will strategize at our next meeting about what to do next, working proactively. John will investigate the Town Board's appetite for open space investments.

6. New business: None.

7. Adjournment: Mike Knutson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn Bowdery seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Our next meeting will be October 9, 2019. This is the **second** Wednesday.