

The reorganization meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present for this meeting were the following Committee members: Ernie Andreoli, John Cronce, George Fisher (Township Committee Liaison), Hal Shute, Alison Sommers-Sayre, Laurel Hills, Judith O'Brien and Christine Rosikiewicz (Board Secretary). Marla Ashton was absent. Cathy Urbanski was also present.

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Rosikiewicz called for nominations for Committee Chair. Mr. Shute nominated Mr. Cronce; Ms. O'Brien seconded the nomination. All were in favor; Mr. Cronce was elected Committee Chair.

Mr. Cronce nominated Mr. Shute for Vice Chair. Ms. Hills seconded the motion. All were in favor with Ms. Sommers-Sayre abstaining. Mr. Shute was elected Vice Chair.

Mr. Cronce announced that regular meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 18, 2012, April 2012, and December 10, 2012: Ms. Hills made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Andreoli seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Green Acres Projects

Wooden North: Mr. Shute provided the Committee copies of the funding plan he received for this property and went over it with them; D&R is utilizing a Green Acres grant for funding. The Committee discussed the possible outcome of the appraisals. Several Committee members had walked the property and commented favorably on it. Ms. Somers-Sayre will contact D&R and let them know the Committee walked the property and is comfortable moving forward with the cost breakdown provided.

Halper: Ms. Hills reported that Green Acres has received the application and there are no problems anticipated.

Adam Reimbursement: Ms. Hills reported that this is in process; the form was initially submitted in December 2011. She has faxed a copy of the form and the invoice; she will need the cancelled checks.

Farmland Preservation Projects

Toll North: There was no CADB meeting held in December; Mr. Cronce will go to the meeting this month to follow up on this project.

Nunn: The appraisal completed by Mr. Collins has been received; Mr. Cronce is awaiting the appraisal from Mr. Rodriguez.

Mr. Shute made a motion to approve payment of the bill of \$2200 (as quoted) for the appraisal from Mr. Collins; Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Mountford: This item will be taken off the agenda.

Wooden South: Mr. Shute will contact this property owner; the property is not in the ADA. The Committee discussed how this property could be added to the ADA; Mr. Cronce and Mr. Shute will discuss it with the County.

Iingoli: This property will be taken off the agenda.

Fozman: This property will be taken off the agenda.

Coleman Farm: Mr. Cronce talked to the Public Works Department regarding the trees. Nothing can be done until the ground is either firm or dry and if time allows.

Other

County Grant: Mr. Shute explained this grant to the Committee; it will be continued into next year. He will follow up with the County.

Trails: Mr. Cronce reported that progress is being made on the trails.

Debt Service: Mr. Shute is working on this with the CFO and a financial advisor. The best option is the option discussed last month to use 1.5 million of the trust to pay down a large amount of the bond issue from 2003. The remaining \$850,000 can be refinanced at a low interest rate.

NEW BUSINESS

Keep it Green, Support Needed for Open Space Funding: C. Urbanski provided the Committee with a copy of Township Committee Resolution #175-2012 Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey.

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Mr. Sean Pfeiffer, 74 Rocktown Rd., expressed that there are appraisals for the Fozman property on file and advised not to put more money into it for more appraisals. Mr. Cronce said nothing was being done at this time.

Mr. Pfeiffer asked with regard to the debt service if the \$850,000 was just for 2003; it is. He inquired about the 2006 debt; this will be looked at in 2016.

Mr. Pfeiffer asked if the PIG application was taken care of; Mr. Cronce replied that Mr. Shute and Ms. Rosikiewicz completed it. Mr. Shute added that a new map was not submitted as the Township does not have GIS capability; he was advised that the County could provide this. Mr. Cronce and Mr. Shute will follow up on the map at the next CADB meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

**Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andreoli, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m.
All were in favor; the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Open Space Secretary