

Open Space Advisory Committee – March 13, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7.35 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Hills, Andreoli, O'Brien, Ashton, Sommers-Sayre, Shute, Cronce, Fisher (Township Committee Liaison)

Late Arrival: None

Absent: Kilmer

Opportunity for Public Comment

Liaison Contact: Farmland Preservation Contact : Kyle Kilmer

Farmland Preservation

Nunn (Block 8, Lot 29.01) 30 acres Mill Road. Cronce, Sommers-Sayre and Shute met to walk property of about 30 acres mostly open. Will not know development potential until application to Planning Board. The site borders a preserved farm. The owners are interested. No public access on farmland. Cronce will contact Township Clerk to get appraisal bids.

Mountford (Goat Hill Road) HLTA (Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance) does not need the ADA contiguous. Will need a letter from the Township Committee approved by the Agricultural Committee. Fisher will follow up.

Toll North Sommers-Sayre reports the Alison of Hunterdon Land Trust would like to attend April meeting to discuss possible interest in Toll and other possible land acquisitions.

Toll South Cronce obtained 3 proposals for tree removal. West Amwell would remove the trees because of a lack of commercial viability and liability issues. The trees are hindering any farmer from renting the property.

Green Acres

Foran (Block 7, Lot 16.03) 22 acres Frontage Road. Cronce walked property with the appraiser. Township Clerk will get further information to the appraiser.

Bowers (Block 28, Lot 26) 21.5 acres Goat Hill Road across from Geo. Washington Road. Property has Been appraised. Owner attended meeting and needs decision. Township Board needs to send letter with The appraisal to the owner. Fisher will follow up.

Adam (Block 32, Lot 21.01) 22 acres, Barry Road. Green Acres contact will send link to update the Contract.

Gallaway No action required.

Open Space Map Shute gave committee members larger format map. The Board wishes to thank Cathy Urbanski for her work on this project.

Trail Croce will contact Joe Petrucci. Shute notes Pride Browns trail completed and will open early May (13/76 on map.)

Open Space Plan Shute obtained revision draft from Sommers-Sayre. Sommers-Sayre noted that the plan needs to be clear about goals. Board members will read draft and discuss at the next meeting.

Reimbursements

PIG Fulper 1 & 2 from county about \$20,000
Toll – file needs to be reviewed for soft costs.

Easement Monitoring Croce will contact Glen at Public Works

New Business Shute reports that Budget asked for a slot for Open Space in 2012 WA budget. Board needs to establish a policy on debt service.

Public Comments

Sean Pfeiffer noted re: Bower that the CMV appraisal is the basis of discussion for the property not an obligation to pay that figure.

Correspondence No additional correspondence discussed.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Hills with a second by Ashton. Motion approved by voice vote – all ayes.

Next meeting Tuesday April 10, 2012