

The regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present for this meeting were the following Committee members: John Cronce, George Fisher (Township Committee Liaison), Jamie Kamph, Dan Malek, Rich Scaible, Hal Shute and Cathy Urbanski. Judith O'Brien was absent. Board Secretary, Christine Rosikiewicz, was also absent due to illness. Ms. Urbanski will be recording the meeting tonight.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from any public present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 13, 2015**

Mr. Cronce tabled approval of the minutes until the April meeting when the Secretary will be present. She will not be in attendance at the March meeting as she has a family obligation and has arranged for Ms. Urbanski to record the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Green Acres Projects**

Hewitt Park Expansion - Ms. Kamph has completed the paperwork for reimbursement. She is awaiting the invoicing form. She explained that she could not locate files on any properties preserved for the past few years and was advised that the clerk has them. She offered to organize the Open Space files with the help of Ms. Urbanski. Ms. Kamph could also not locate the GIS files or program disk. Mr. Cronce offered to help. She spoke about the possibility of the "wrong records" being kept and having records kept of deals and negotiations rather than meeting minutes. Mr. Cronce said this will be discussed at a later date.

#### **Farmland Preservation**

Toll North: Mr. Shute said the two appraisals are being tweaked for the larger exception area.

Lambert: Mr. Shute reported that the two appraisals have been sent to the State. The State has a CMV but they cannot disclose it until it goes to the County. The Lamberts have signed an option agreement with the County. Mr. Shute believes it will go smoothly.

Holcombe III: Mr. Cronce reported that the Township has introduced an ordinance to remove the paper street. Once the ordinance passes the Open Space Committee can move forward on preserving this property.

Fulper: Mr. Shute will contact Mr. Fulper. Funding for possible preservation of this property was briefly discussed.

Ziegenfuss: As decided at the last meeting Mr. Cronce made Ms. Ziegenfuss know that the Township would not fund any research on the easement. Ms. Ziegenfuss asked Mr. Cronce where she could find out information about the easement; Mr. Cronce referred her to Bob Clerico as he was the engineer at the time. Ms. Ziegenfuss and Mr. Clerico spoke and it was realized that the easement goes through the Green Acres property however the easement is not on any of the documentation. Ms. Ziegenfuss has a deed noting the easement. Ms. Ziegenfuss has contacted a land use attorney. Mr. Cronce indicated that the Committee will need to provide a stand sometime in the future on

whether or not the easement is legal. Whether or not the Township has to fund the preservation was briefly discussed. The property is just under 100 acres.

Other:

Hunting Program: There are two more weeks of hunting season.

Website: The website is up to date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

List of Preserved Properties: Mr. Shute was contacted by the Trust for Public Land. They are partnered with Ducks Unlimited to collect detailed information about protected land and other open spaces for a comprehensive database which will be accessible to the public. The Dodge Foundation has provided funding for information at the municipal level including funding of the projects and GIS maps. The Committee decided to go no further with this.

Mr. Shute provided the Open Space map to this organization. The Committee commented on possible uses for this information and where this information can be obtained. Ms. Kamph and Ms. Urbanski will put together a list of preserved properties and how preservation was funded on each. Mr. Cronic offered to help with it. Mr. Shute will also work on it. It is estimated that this will take a few months to complete.

Open Space Tax: Mr. Shute asked the Committee for their opinion on reducing the Open Space tax. It was suggested this be looked at in 2018. The Committee briefly discussed the debt service and open space tax. The future number of projects was discussed.

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There was no public present.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2015 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Urbanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shute, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49p.m. All were in favor; the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine A. Rosikiewicz  
Open Space Secretary