

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Cronce. Present for this meeting were the following Committee members: John Cronce, Jamie Kamph, Dan Malek, Rich Schaible, Hal Shute, and Cathy Urbanski. Christine Rosikiewicz, Committee Secretary, and George Fisher, Township Committee Liaison, was also present.

Mr. Cronce announced that due to the recording software not working this meeting would not be recorded.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2015

Mr. Malek made a motion to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes with minor corrections (spelling of proper names). Ms. Urbanski seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Green Acres Projects

Green Acres Signage: Mr. Shute and Mr. Malek determined where the signs should be placed and complimented the road department on the “great job” hanging the signs.

Farmland Preservation

Wooden: This property will be taken off the agenda.

Toll North (Amwell Chase): Mr. Shute said the Township sent funds and is awaiting paperwork. Mr. Cronce reported that T&T is coming to the Planning Board. Mr. Shute will follow up at the next CADB meeting.

Lambert: Mr. Shute reported that the County will conduct the closing which will be December 1st. After the closing the map can be updated.

Holcombe III: Mr. Cronce reported that the cell tower owner and the State have been corresponding.

Fulper: Mr. Shute spoke to Mr. Fulper. He went over options and suggested having appraisals done using current eight acre zoning on the two parcels on the south side. Mr. Cronce asked the Committee for their input. If the two parcels on the south side are preserved it will reduce the total building rights to around fifty homes. Hearing no negative feedback from the Committee Mr. Cronce asked Mr. Shute to go forward with this project and to keep the Committee informed.

Other

Hunterdon Land Trust: Training on Monitoring Easements Using Maps and GPS Units: Ms. Urbanski reported that the Environmental Commission is not interested in pursuing this. Ms. Kamph reported that if the Committee provides the ROSI to HLT they can give an estimate of how much it

would cost for them to monitor the easements. Committee members commented positively about this; Ms. Kamph will forward the ROSI to HLT.

Hunting Program: Mr. Malek commented positively on the program. There is a problem on the municipal property which he brought to the Committee for direction. A path was mowed and small trees removed in the past without authorization on the municipal property. A sign was installed outlining prohibited activities; this sign has been removed and a path cut again leaving tractor tracks on the property. A barbed wire fence was also cut. The Committee discussed possible actions. It was agreed a letter would be sent certified mail to the resident believed responsible for the damage.

Website: Ms. Urbanski is monitoring the website.

Open Space Inventory: Mr. Shute has been updating the open space inventory and has copies available. There are 5684 acres preserved including the Lambert property. The last update was in 2007.

Open Space Budget: Mr. Shute had copies of the budget available.

PIG Application – Targeted Farm List: Mr. Shute initiated a discussion on the targeted farm list and went over changes that had been made.

Creekside Development: Mr. Shute and Mr. Cronce explained that this was a 57 acre farm which is now a 14 lot subdivision. Two houses have been sold; there has not been any activity for a few years. Positive comments were made on the remaining properties but they are too small to work with for possible preservation. Mr. Shute will consider if there is a way to do this although it is probably not possible; he asked the Committee members to contact him with any ideas or bring them to the next meeting. Mr. Cronce will inquire with the County.

Trail Project: Mr. Shute is working with Mr. Hershey to construct the trail; the trail group works every Sunday unless it is raining. Mr. Cronce asked to be forwarded on e-mails regarding this.

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There was no public present.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The December meeting will be canceled; the next meeting will be January 12, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Urbanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kamph, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz, Open Space Secretary