

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2018**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:35pm)

**Roll Call:** Attending: Mayor R. Collins, T. Kline, T. Roselius, Council Liaison Glenn Sisco, R. Roy, G. Warren, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner,  
Absent: S. Spinelli, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski

**Hearing from the Public** - None present.

**Review/approve meeting minutes** - Minutes for December 13, 2017 were approved; motion by Scot Simptner, seconded by B. Roy, Mayor Collins abstained, all in favor, none opposed.

**Council Liaison Report** - G. Sisco: Council is aware of the land acquisition prioritizing being done by the Open Space committee members. Mayor Collins stated that Glenn Sisco was re-appointed as committee liaison.

**L'Ecole Restoration Status** - T. Kline: Contractor has finished up most of the work. Waiting for paperwork from the contractor so he can get paid and funds can be received from the county. Met with Margaret Hickey last night at the historical committee meeting regarding Phase III. Cost for this phase of interior renovations is estimated to be in the \$400,000 range. The historical committee voted to bifurcate this cost over two grant cycle periods. The architect will come back next month with revised numbers and then the committee will make a recommendation to council to make another application to the county for Phase II interior work which will include a handi-cap accessible bathroom, a/c and re-allocating space in upstairs offices. County pays 80%; Open Space picks up the 20% balance.

**Old Business:**

Maple Lake—Nothing new to report.

New Pond—One lot still owned by Falkay Estate. One parcel has an encroachment. The attorney for the homeowners is reaching out to the boro attorney. The state has a conservation easement on the lot that has the encroachment—maybe alert the state and let them deal with it? Or let the homeowner's association figure it all out? Will cost @\$30,000 to repair the dam. If the dam ever broke—downstream is Stickle Pond, Lake Kinnelon then Forge Road which would lead to a washout of Kinnelon Road. Therefore, it's a public safety issue and would be a public benefit to repair it. The dam is actually leaching thru the rock crevices. Needs to be re-pointed which will be a good resource for the entire town.

Town Wide Trail Plan—Linda hasn't heard anything about the awarding of the grant yet; supposed to be by 12/31.

Dog Park—Nothing new to report.

KCC—Continues to be under NJDEP review. Anticipating determination by March. Need denial before a waiver is considered. Met with Highlands subcommittee—they were encouraged about the project and impressed with the engineering. The Highlands council has the final authority. This is the first 'Takings Waiver' which is why everything is moving slowly. All the technical people have completed their reviews; all the engineering has been done. Had to redesign the retention holding areas for stormwater. There is going to be a rain garden, a landscape garden and a multi-use grass field.

Totowa Contractors—Mr. Longo is donating 155 Boonton Avenue to the borough. Council had a separate meeting to facilitate the acceptance of this property. Council thought there was an environmental benefit to purchasing this property for the amount of \$1.00.

**New Business:**

Reprioritize Open Space acquisitions: Will work on when Linda returns next month.

Continuing Open Space Site Visits: Will re-visit as soon as weather warms up. Looking for access to Buck Mountain trail. There is an access point at the end of Julia Terrace as the cul-de-sac is not closed as was previously thought.

Non-ROSI boro properties: There are a number of lots throughout the town that have the potential to serve as membership lots for the lake associations-committee will look at them and possibly make a recommendation to council to jettison the properties.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 7:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Borough Hall**

**Adjournment:** Time 7:58 pm, Motion: S. Simptner, second T. Roselius, all in favor, none opposed.

*At the March 14, 2018 meeting, on a motion by Mayor Bob Collins and seconded by Scot Simptner, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the January 10, 2018 minutes were approved.*

