

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2018**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:30pm)

**Roll Call:** Attending: Mayor R. Collins, Chairwoman T. Roselius, Vice Chairman R. Roy, Glenn Sisco, George Warren, S. Spinelli, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski

**Hearing from the Public** – None

T. Roselius had asked for an official list of committee members from the borough clerk; will have it updated on the website. Regarding a student member, she sent an e-mail to the KHS Superintendent and Principal for recommendations for an environmental sciences student.

**Review/approve meeting minutes** - Minutes for August 8, 2018 were approved; motion by Mayor R. Collins, seconded by R. Roy; all in favor, none opposed.

**Various Committee Liaison Reports:**

Council: G. Sisco-Nothing new to report.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius-No meeting last month as nothing was on the Agenda.

Environmental Committee: S. Simptner-Trying to put together a booth at K-Fest. Regarding the new lot from Totowa Construction, they would like to take a look at it once a concept idea has been presented to the council-perhaps a joint meeting?

L'Ecole: R. Roy-Talking about future programs, plans for K-Fest, exterior lighting and the Pathways tour 9/22 & 9/23.

**Old Business:**

Mayor R. Collins thanked everyone for their public service over the years.

**New Pond-** 1) A hydrological analysis was done on New Pond in 2015-dam was built late 1800's, spillway is narrow and beavers are complicating things with branches, etc. at dam. If the dam were to fail, the water would flow to Stickle Pond (Lake Kinnelon), then Forge Road then could wash out Kinnelon Road. 2) The area that the Homeowners Association would like to donate to the Borough consists of four properties. One property on Thomas has a 'clouded' title and the Borough will not accept it; the New Pond property has a concrete path that was installed owned by the homeowner and needs to be removed. The association asked the town to ask the homeowner to remove it but the property belongs to him. 3) NJDEP holds a conservation easement on the New Pond property-the owner doesn't think the concrete path is a big deal-but the encroachment exists therefore the Borough can't move forward until rectified/removed. Hopefully the homeowner's association will talk to the owner. DEP monitors occasionally-could possibly accept 'as is'. Cost of remediation of dam back in 2015 was \$30,000.00 which would come out of Open Space funds.

**Town Wide Trail Plan and Open Space Site Visits-**G. Warren will be working on plotting the open space sites in the fall. The entire new Totowa Construction lot on Boonton Avenue is within the 300' riparian buffer for the stream; therefore, cannot do anything without DEP approval. There is a disturbed 300' riparian zone and 150' freshwater wetlands which drains into reservoir-the graveled area is approximately 100' x 100' and the cleared area approximately 200' x 275'-potentially will be able to use if it's already disturbed. The lot has been mowed and cleared out by DPW. Can remove some invasive and unhealthy plants present, and replant with native plantings. Lot will have 2 or 3 parking spaces, one being handicapped. Existing gravel area is probably the only place for parking or a gazebo type structure, any improvements will most likely need an NJDEP permit. Gravel over time fills in and becomes impervious, and the Highlands regulations consider gravel impervious.

The Committee should come up with a concept for the area and work backwards. Neighbor was encroaching on the site a bit, but it was rectified. It should be periodically monitored. There was discussion of adding native plantings along the stream, which would be good aesthetically and NJDEP would need to review and approve.

T. Roselius spoke about changing the idea of the park-instead of a veteran's park, perhaps recognize the Borough police, firefighters and first responders. G. Warren suggested a hero's park, for all those in the armed services, police, fire and military. Discussion ensued; perhaps should honor all those who sign up for service who will put themselves in danger.

Will need funding-most of the Open Space funds will be used for KCC-so corporate sponsors might work. Grant dollars may be available but Council would have to be involved.

G. Warren will set up dates to meet with veterans (e.g., VFW, American Legion) and get their input-then ask for a landscape architect or master gardener in town to donate time.

KCC -Mayor shared KCC plans that were approved by the Highlands Council. Plans include a grass playing field and a rain garden (an opportunity to mitigate run-off and groundwater recharge). Out of 10.3 acres, 5.1 acres cannot be developed and will have a conservation easement. Envision using for summer concert series, July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, maybe K-Fest eventually, also as a meeting place for seniors. Trying to get specs in place and acquired by end of year. Need to determine costs of building and offsetting costs, then get public involved.

Dog Park- Potentially able to put a dog park in the back of KRP. No playground area as there is too much traffic. A community garden would not work-can't run a water line.

ROSI-Nothing new to report.

NJDEP Trail Grant-Nothing new to report.

Totowa Construction-The property is across from Weichert Realtors. The property is to be donated to the Borough, but it has to be voted out by the homeowner's association prior to the transaction so the Borough does not have to pay dues.

Memorial Park-Already discussed.

**New Business: None**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Borough Hall**

**Adjournment:** Time 8:00pm on a motion by G. Sisco and seconded by Bob Roy; all in favor, none opposed.

*At the October 10, 2018 meeting, on a motion made by Mayor Robert Collins and seconded by Scot Simptner, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, with the exception of Vince Russo who abstained, the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.*

