

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2016**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:35pm)

**Roll Call:** Attending: Councilwoman C. Sventy, T. Kline, T. Roselius, G. Sisco, L. Abderhalden, S. Spinelli, G. Warren, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner and Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski.

**Guests:** Dave Wilding, Paul Makus (Amblers & Scramblers)

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

**Review/approve meeting minutes** for October 12, 2016-minutes were approved with motion from G. Sisco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Warren and the unanimous voice vote of all those present.

**New Business:** Joint meeting with Environmental to discuss how to implement a town wide trail plan.

Town Wide Trail Plan-T. Kline displayed open space town maps. Sets of trails marked in red. Trail grant application from Open Space is in to NJDEP to create a trail link from the municipal complex parking lot back to the loop trail. There's also the Weber tract off of Maple Lake Road to Silas Condict Park but there's a bridge issue. There are trails in the western part of town, perhaps one around New Pond; Butler Water Shed trails-do you have to be a member of NY-NJ Trail Conference? Maybe but everyone uses them-issue is some of the trail might go thru Fayson Lakes property. The trails for the Rock Pear Mountain tract and for the Buck Mountain State Park are not marked or very accessible. In the near term: there are 2 parcels of property on the east side of town-Untermayer Lake and a parcel currently being pursued for acquisition. What can be done to advance and make the trails? L. Glosinski-mapping is accomplished by GPS: walk a trail, flag it, put in blazes, provide a sustainable trail (no or low maintenance), then add GPS route to a map. Get volunteers from the Boy Scouts to help clear and blaze trail.

--Can access NY-NJ Trail geo-reference topographical map 125 on cell phone. The website (called NY-NJ Trail Conference) is nynjtc.org- go to digital maps-there are complete instructions on how to download a map into your phone. App by Avenza (PDF maps) is free, go into the search function, search nynjtc, up come all of the maps the trail conference has on its website. Some are free, some are nominal fee, maps are great.

-- From now to mid to end December would be a good time to plot trails-can the Amblers take a look at Buck Mountain and do some mapping for us? Lauren- maybe students at the high school could get involved in helping with this? Scot- anyone on Environmental that would want to help? Amblers will ask at their next meeting (November 10<sup>th</sup>). Can't publish maps on state or county property without permission of owners.

--Need trailhead, parking; most hikers want a loop, what is the point of the trail-anything interesting to see; e.g., views, water. Buck Mountain access off of Clearwater, S. Glen, Mica and Thomas--some of these trails can use road for parking and keep it simpler. New Pond-no parking--Untermayer Lake-is there parking? T. Kline proposed a Sat/Sun workshop 11/20 @ 10am-1pm to go look at sites; see where access points are. Dave suggested looking at connected trails. G. Warren, S. Simptner, Lauren, Steve, C. Sventy to meet to walk trails.

Environmental Commission-S. Simptner reported: 1) Recommendations for revisions to the tree ordinance are in progress.

2) The way the new tree ordinance is being enforced has room for improvement so working on how to recommend with council and town.

Morris County Park Commission: Neither Russ Felter nor Russ Nee could attend meeting. Day meetings work better for them.

**Council Liaison Report-** Carol Sventy: Turf vote defeated by almost 2 to 1 margin.

**L'Ecole Restoration Status-** Tom Kline: Borough has awarded bid to lowest responsible bidder, which was Northeast. Up to council to approve contract. C. Sventy to discuss contract with council.

**Old Business:**

New Pond – Council is still negotiating with homeowners' association.

Maple Lake - No news.

Dog Park –Linda and Tom looked at site in back, looked good in field; Linda provided wetlands survey; it's dangerously close to wetlands Category 1 waterway. Might have to take another look. Big permitting issue. Can we use mulch? It's considered fill so still needs to be regulated.

Bandanco Acquisition -180 acres on the east side of town consisting of Untermayer Lake (114 acres) and an adjacent approximately 70 acres parcel to the north. Applicant for the grant is the Trust for Public Land (TPL). The Borough is the applicant and ultimate owner for the project, which was awarded the full funding of \$1,700,000.00 from the County Open Space Trust Fund. Our Open Space Trust Fund is contributing \$100,000; TPL is applying to the Highlands Council for a \$300,000 grant and the balance of funds- is \$100,000 coming from the Park Commission and \$100,000 from the Morris MUA. Funds have all been secured, and TPL is waiting to hear about the Highlands Grant. Freeholders will deliberate and probably ratify at their next meeting.

**New Business for December-** Try to re-prioritize our Open Space acquisitions.

**Land Acquisitions** - Linda: There will be an announcement from Green Acres about a new funding round-which is a 50% match.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 7:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Borough Hall

**Adjournment:** Time 8:35pm, Motion: G. Sisco, second T. Roselius, all in favor none opposed