

**Borough of Kinnelon
Open Space Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2009**

Attendance: Bob Collins, Jeff Derwin, Carol Vreeland, Gene Orcutt, and Carol Sventy Absent: Lucy Meyer, Matt Dank (LCNJ), Guest: Mayor Sisco

Public Session

- Public: None Present
- Public Session Closed

Approval of January 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- Approved: (Bob Collins / Carol Vreeland)

Council Committee Report:

- Bob Collins reported that Mayor Sisco, himself, the Borough's lawyer, all met with the Webers & their lawyers. Funding from various groups was discussed and the contract still needs some additional drafting. Matt Dank (LCNJ) has been keeping the County Land Preservation Trust informed since they are looking for an executed contract. Both parties realize the need to complete this sooner rather than later.
 - Dam status – will this hold things up? At this point, the dam isn't holding any water. Bob will reach out and see if NJDEP can make an assessment to get us to a good starting point.
- Mayor Sisco & the Council nominated Bob to serve on Morris County's Land Preservation Trust Committee – appointment is made by the Freeholders
 - Carol V. wanted to publicly thank Bob for his wonderful presentation to the Morris County Land Preservation Trust Fund this past fall for the Weber Tract.
- Bob also noted that Carol & Chuck Vreeland were being honored by the Pequannock River Coalition, for their passion and dedication to help preserve the Weber Tract. Carol V said that Bob is also being honored.

Land Conservancy of NJ Report:

- Previously discussed Map Revisions: Bob said that the LCNJ contract is coming due in the next few months, the Mayor and Bob have spoken to the Land Conservancy of NJ regarding Kinnelon's compliance with the Highlands conformance plan. Updating of Kinnelon's map should be part of this plan.
 - Gene mentioned that the new Borough street map is great. Mayor Sisco said that the new map is much easier to use due to the index and grid. They tried to include everything – even the water towers.
- Matt has mentioned that funding is going to get tougher. We can't count on the additional dollars as we have previously. Gene added that perhaps we couldn't count on these dollars, but through Bob and his experience in getting the funding, Kinnelon stands a better chance. We still have a Green Acres grant that is pending (also a matching grant); Kinnelon's trust fund is in excess of \$700,000. The County has actually reduced their OS tax by .01¢

Review of Property Prioritizations

- Since Matt Dank is not present, and we need his input, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Bob also mentioned that the Land Conservancy of NJ has applied for national accreditation and recognition which may change their profile in getting federal dollars.

New OSAC Members:

- Carol S. reported that she had met with Dr. Merckling at the High School and that he would contact her with possible candidates
- The Committee decided to
 - Have candidates write an essay about why open space is important to them and to Kinnelon
 - Set a dead line of April 30th for student essays
 - Bob suggested contacting the Boy Scouts & the Girl Scouts
 - Sub-committee to review the essays of new member candidates; Jeff Derwin, Gene Orcutt & Carol Vreeland
- Gene wanted to know if someone from the Planning Board could be appointed to fill this currently vacant position. Gene currently represents the Environmental Commission.
- Mayor Sisco said that a notice could be put on the website as well

New Business:

- Newspaper articles regarding the upgrade of PSE&G lines – this only touches a very small part of Kinnelon, up by Lake Rickabear. From an Open Space perspective, the right of way for these lines touches the 32 acres that are part of the Kohler property. Mayor Sisco explained that the right of way has been in existence since the 1920's, and that Public Service is doing this to update equipment in order to be able to fulfill the demand both now and into the future.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: (Gene Orcutt / Jeff Derwin)

Minutes approved: Bob Collins / Gene Orcutt
Respectfully submitted by Carol Sventy