

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order 7:30pm

Tom Kline, Chair, read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement

This meeting is held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the January 2, 2013 edition of the Trends and was provided to the Star Ledger, Daily Record and North Jersey Herald News on January 2, 2013. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the municipal building bulletin board, filed with the Borough Clerk and provided to those persons or entities requesting notification.

Present: Council Liaison: Carol Sventy, Tom Kline, Gene Orcutt, Steven Pileggi, Glenn Sisco, Doug Lawrence and new member Keith Weidemann

Mayor Collins swore in Keith Weidemann, as a committee member of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Tom spoke to Mayor Collins about his fear of losing \$750,000.00 of Planning Incentive Grant money because there is a property in question that not everyone on the Council is in agreement to purchase. The Mayor shares Tom's disappointment in the disagreement of Council of the purchase of certain properties. He stated whether you are a passive or active recreation person, there is no rational explanation to go down this road of not purchasing a property and losing the grant money. We, as residents and tax payers have paid a lot of money to the State of New Jersey and have worked very hard to get the money to put back into the town. Tom Kline, Gene Orcutt, Glen Sisco will be attending the Mayor and Council meeting to discuss options for purchases and not losing the grant money.

Hearing from the Public: none

Tom Kline asked to table the minutes for January 9, 2013, March 13, 2013, April 9, 2013, May 8, 2013, June 12, 2013 and September 11, 2013, at this time.

Council Report – Carol Sventy

- Carol advised although nothing to report at this time, she is preparing to speak to the Mayor and Council at their next scheduled meeting about purchasing a parcels of land parcel for active and parcel for passive recreation. Carol finds it disheartening that there is a possibility of losing the grant money. One of the councilman said that he would not approve the spending of one more dime on property that would not be used as recreation fields. Three other council members agreed with this first council person. This person wanted to make his decision after the Mayor and Council meeting
- Tom Kline referred to the Land Conservancy of NJ Report from Linda Glosinski which reports that deals with issues that they were just talking about and also the Weber property. Doug Lawrence visited the Weber property and walked it until the Smoke Rise entrance. Tom went a hike with Linda G. and Michael and were checking to see

how to cross the water feature. Encroachments on the property need to be addressed by the borough. Doug and Tom discussed more trail possibilities.

- **L'Ecole Restoration Status** – The commission applied to Preservation Trust to do restoration work on the museum. The county has awarded a grant of \$250,000.00 rehabilitation project, which would be 80% grant from county; the borough needs \$50,000.00 or 20%, from Open Space Funds. Carol K and Tom met with the Architect. Bidders need to be pre-qualified for historic rehabilitation.

Old Business

Trail Committee Status – Tom K suggested coming up with another date to walk the Weber Tract as it is getting cooler out, maybe late October or November. Tom asked to table that at this time. Waiting until the leaves have fallen may be easier to walk it.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **November 13, 2013 - 7:30pm**, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment - On a motion from Glenn Sisco, seconded by Doug Lawrence, the OSAC meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

At the January 14, 2015 OSAC meeting on a motion from Gene Orcutt and seconded by Glenn Sisco, the minutes for the October 9, 2013 meeting were approved. All in favor – none opposed.