

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 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, Steven Pileggi, Michael Prapopulos, Doug Lawrence and Keith Weidemann, Glenn Sisco

Absent: Gene Orcutt (at a planning board meeting)

Hearing from the Public: none

Review / approved with amendments meeting minutes

Tom K. requested that the meeting minutes for March 13, 2013, April 9, 2013, May 8, 2013, June 12, 2013, September 11, 2013, October 9, 2013 and November 13, 2013, to be tabled at this time.

- *On a motion from Doug Lawrence, seconded by Steven Pileggi, the motion was approved as submitted, all in favor, none opposed.*

Council Report – Carol Sventy

- Carol was asked to contact Mike Odian with the “Ramblers and Scramblers”, which are the hiking groups through the library. Mike advised that he is interested in being a part of the Trail committee plan, but he would not be able to lead or design a trail, as he has not done this before. If you give him an idea of how and when, he will be glad to work together. Also, he does not own a GPS to design a trail.
- Carol advised of the budget of the Open Space Trust, which is currently at 1.3 almost 1.4 million dollars. \$1,394,790.40 and that includes the deduction of the \$51, 000.00 grant match for the Phase 1 for L’Ecole. Tom also requested that we be provided a monthly update of the Weber Dam. Tom was not sure when we closed on the Weber Tract and there was escrow money that was put aside for repairs on the Weber Dam. Glenn Sisco that there were problems with the dam before the acquisition. Linda advised that a report is given to DEP and will try to find out the submission given to them. Carol Sventy said she would touch base with the Mayor and Mark Madaio to get some information. The dam was breached and the DEP did not approve of the way it was done, but per Glenn, the DEP had forced the issue in the first place.
- Tom Kline referred to Linda Glosinski and requested that we be provided a monthly update of the Weber Dam. Tom was not sure when we closed on the Weber Tract and there was escrow money that was put aside for repairs on the Weber Dam. Glenn Sisco that there were problems with the dam before the acquisition. Linda advised that a report is given to DEP and will try to find out the submission given to them. Carol Sventy said she would touch base with the Mayor and Mark Madaio to get some information. The dam was breached and the DEP did not approve of the way it was done, but per Glenn, the DEP had forced the issue in the first place.
- Linda then explained the Totowa Construction Report, the “PAR” report which is the Environmental Report, which stands for the Preliminary Assessment Report. Submitted the solicited proposals to the Borough for the Mayor and Council meeting on

December 19, 2013. The seller signed the contract and did not send the hard copy of the signed contract. Need to authorize the title work, survey, etc. Tom asked if the Boro attorney has been made aware of it. Linda confirmed that he has.

- Glenn asked about the lawn issues with the Weber Tract and with the survey and the residents that were maintaining their lawns past their survey lines. The DEP does not want those pieces to be maintained, fertilizer used or bleeding into the pond. Linda said the residents were advised not to mow them and feels that perhaps they should be reminded again. Glenn is frustrated with the DEP and feels that they can be unreasonable with their demands. Tom had a concern with a lawn issue, there was a resident that had a tree stand on the boro property. Doug also expressed concern with not knowing where the boro property starts, so that you would know if you are hiking on boro property or on someone's backyard.
- **L'Ecole Restoration Status** – Nothing new to report, other than L'Ecole was made a part of the State Registry. This secures the status of the museum when going forward for any future grant funding. NJDEP can now be approached for grant monies for future restoration projects
- **Old Business**

Trail Committee Status – Tom K / Gene O / Steve P / and Linda Glosinski's report

New Business – Town Wide Trail Plan

- Senior projects for the high school seniors. Steven spoke with Meredith Charles and she agreed it would be a great idea for students to be involved for senior projects and summer. They can propose it on the school morning show and they can advertise it. The students would need to visit the guidance office. The students are supposed to work on their senior project for about a month.
- Michael spoke about the project at the scout meetings, he has one scout who is interested and he will also make the announcement at the "Weblos's" dinner.
- Doug spoke with Peter Dolan, Trail Conference, who is the coordinator for the trails for all of New Jersey. He agreed to come and meet with Doug, the day of the snow storm and would like to work with us. Doug talked with him about resources that would be available to us. Full time cartography, he covers NY and NJ and has the GPS devices and can train us to use them. Full time trail designer and Doug feels we should take advantage of that resource. They have some knowledge of permitting and they can help with building and blazing with student volunteers. They also want volunteers from Kinnelon. He will or have someone else from the Trail Council to come to one of the Open Space meeting to talk with them and then in the spring come with the GPS devices. Carol discussed different devices and making the trails more interactive with geocaching, etc. Doug and Peter had visited Farney and New Pond and talked about the water crossing and walked south to see the area where there were no trails. He felt that Peter was pretty engaged and Linda said that they had worked with them a lot with other towns. Linda also mentioned that if we are going to be doing trails on State property, we do need State permission. Linda and Carol discussed obtaining copies of maps and laminating them so that trails can be "penned" on and removed.

- Tom suggested that for the February 12th meeting and address Peter Dolan any information that he knows of for permits that would be needed for building trails at Buck Mountain.
- Tom inquired about Linda's contract and when it would be coming up for renewal. Carol said she believed it was March.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **January 8, 2014 - 7:30pm**, 2nd Floor Borough Hall

Adjournment - On a motion from Glenn Sisco, seconded by Michael Propopulas, the OSAC meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

At the February 12, 2014 OSAC meeting, on a motion from Glenn Sisco and seconded by Doug Lawrence, the minutes for December 11, 2013 were approved - all in favor, none opposed.