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Open Space Preservation Commission

Minutes

Monday, August 22, 2016

Members present: Jean Cronauer, Bill Michaud, Karen Nelson, Caren Ross, Rusty Warner

6:30 - Cronauer calls meeting to order.

6:31 - Motion by Nelson to move Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate to the first order of business; second by Michaud, approved; session opened.

6:45 – Motion by Cronauer to leave Executive Session; second by Nelson, approved.

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ross, second by Michaud, to approve minutes of July 25, 2016; approved.
- II. **Tax Abatement Tool** – The town attorney is preparing language to put the state tax abatement statute in effect in New Hartford, subject to approval at a Town Meeting. OSPC hopes to work with selectmen to have this issue on the agenda at the next town meeting.
- III. **Trail Work**  
Antolini-Phillips-Goula: Warner reported that the bridge to be built over an intermittent watercourse/wetland on the Phillips property will cross “a significant span” and may need assistance beyond Eagle Scout work. Warner will outline the necessary steps to move forward with the bridge, which he thinks will be about 50 feet to the side of a working farm trail.  
  
Barella Road to Brodie – Engineering work is being planned for the Barella Road section, which is badly eroded. Drainage pipes are in on Marsh Road, as well as boulders at both ends intended to block vehicular traffic.
- IV. **Plans for New Hartford Day (Sept 18)**  
Cronauer reported that Dan Jerram wants the OSPC to prepare materials to inform the public about the Butler parcel at New Hartford Day. Cronauer, Michaud, Ross and Warner (set up and take down) volunteered to work at the OSPC booth that day and preparations were decided as follows:
  - Warner will collect photos of the property and compose files to send to Goulet, who will print out presentation boards that tell the story: the significance of the Butler piece, particularly as it pertains to

farmland soil and river/water quality; open space preservation process and history in New Hartford; and state agricultural preservation program. Warner has two easels to lend for the day.

- Nelson will collect materials about the state agricultural preservation program. She will also contact Grescyk about donating a raffle CSA basket. She will ask Linda Goldsmith about the New Hartford trails map she did for the EDC/Dave Childs.
- Michaud will submit info on open space preservation process and history. Separately, he will provide information on the OSPC tax abatement tool.
- Ross will collect information from the Butlers about the parcel and ask the town hall to supply us with some maps. She will confirm that she has a tent to lend to the event and get it to Warner, along with folding chairs, for setup.
- Cronauer will coordinate the group efforts as well as create and edit text for the presentation boards.

- V. POCAD – no update
- VI. Other business - none

8:15pm - Motion by Cronauer to adjourn, second by Ross, approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caren Ross