

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2006**

At 8:46 pm, Ms. Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

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Present: Butch, Denardo, Morelli, Romano, Siedman, Wingerter

Absent: Abilheira, Alves, Disick, Mullarkey

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the meeting opened and closed at 8:48 pm.

Correspondence

Ms. Butch reviewed the correspondence section of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2006 as discussed, and Mr. Denardo offered a second. All in favor.

Old Business

- ◆ Trails –The revised map should be complete shortly. The allowable uses for each trail still need to be documented. For many of the trails, the allowable uses will be determined by the type of funding received. For trails received from developers, the allowable uses have already been designated. Ms. Butch requested that Ms. Naugle e-mail the ROSI to the Council and ask Ms. Lisa Spaziano if the ROSI map could be e-mailed. Ms. Naugle will also check Monmouth Meadows deed of easement (Charleston Spring Road) to see if there is specific language.
- ◆ Open Space Tax Campaign – Mr. Wingerter reviewed the campaign efforts. Two newsletters were included in the Examiner, postcards were mailed to residents, and the lawn signs decorated by students were placed around town. Mr. Wingerter asked if someone could send a letter to the Examiner. Ms. Morelli offered to do so.
- ◆ Baird Road / Waters 40 acres – Ms. Butch reported that this is currently on hold.

- ◆ Lichtman Management Agreement – Ms. Butch attended a meeting with the State regarding a management agreement. We need to get under agreement now. We will then have one year to work through a more thorough agreement. One area we cannot manage is hunting. The hunting must always follow state rules. If we put in recreation, the 450 foot rule will apply. The state would be fine with no hunting on that property if it were near a recreation area. Also, a trail would not be a problem, possible connecting with the Lee property.
- ◆ Trail Clearing – The Trailblazers hosted a trail clearing day on October 7, 2006. A long, circular trail near Rue Court was cleared for passive recreation. There is one area near a bridge in need of repair. A nearby resident, Ms. Audrey Ginolfi, has given approval to use her bridge. A grand opening is expected in December or January.

New Business

- ◆ Land Rally – Save the Date! The land rally will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007.
- ◆ Recreation Map Fundraiser - Mr. Wingerter discussed an idea for a recreation map. Community Maps, a company, makes digital maps that groups can use as a fundraiser. There are two options:
 - The Council could sell the advertising and keep a portion of the proceeds. Everyone would need to sell five ads.
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Howell Township raised \$7000 selling ads. The map would show all recreational facilities and county parks as well as identify Township Committee members. Ad prices are \$100, \$250, and \$500 depending on their size and location.

- ◆ Land Trust - Mr. Wingerter discussed the idea of having a Land Trust. The trust could raise money and work with town to make improvements. The members of the Trust would be a separate group than the OSFP Council. This new organization would be eligible for grants. Many residents are eligible for matching corporate grants. Ms. Butch felt this is something we should work toward. We won't be able to have the Trust in place by spring.
- ◆ Millstone Day 2007 – Save the date! Millstone Day is September 16, 2007. We will have a money booth, a mechanical bull, and BBQ area selling chicken, ribs, and pulled pork. The BBQ vendor offers two options:
 - We can supply the food and he'll cook it for free
 - The vendor will supply the food and give us a portion of the proceeds.

- Ms. Naugle will send an e-mail to the Agricultural Advisory Council confirming we will have a joint booth again.

- ◆ OSFP Term Expirations – Mr. Romano, Ms. Siedman, Mr. Wingerter, and Mr. Disick will have fulfilled their terms on the Council as of December 31, 2006. Mr. Romano, Ms. Siedman, and Mr. Wingerter would like to be reappointed. Ms. Naugle will send an e-mail to Mr. Disick. In the coming year, we could recommend to the Township Committee that we have full terms and alternates. This would make it easier to reach a quorum.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report at this time.

Signage: Ms. Butch has a sign for the Livak property that she will deliver to Mr. Wingerter. Mr. Wingerter also asked Ms. Naugle to forward the Mattai phone number to him so he can make arrangements for their sign. The Vrabels will also need a sign.

Public Relations / Publications: Mr. Wingerter suggested that we have a spring, summer, and fall newsletter in 2007. Ms. Naugle will ensure funds are available in the budget.

Legislative Awareness: Mr. Romano is spending this Saturday with Assemblywoman Jennifer Beck teaching her the horse industry from bottom up.

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Applications: The Hunekes are opposed to a trail on their property. The Planning Board needs to make a decision to determine if the trail is a necessity before the application can move forward. Anyone interested in attending the Planning Board meeting on November 8, 2006, with Ms. Butch is welcome.

Mr. Romano made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 pm. Mr. Wingerter offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:58 pm, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:58 pm, Mr. Denardo offered a motion to adjourn. Ms. Morelli offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle