

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY
Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Shepardson Community Center, Room 26

Present:

Raymond Pietrorazio, Chairman
Ted Mannello, Vice Chairman
John Cookson, member
Robert Jokubaitis, member
James Crocicchia, member
Richard Spierto, member
Patrick Dwyer, member
Malcolm Todt, member

Absent: Kris Jacobi, member

Call To Order:

Chairman Ray Pietrorazio called the meeting to order at 6.02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

The minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Malcolm Todt to approve the minutes, noting that the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m., not 7:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Richard Spierto, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Report of Committees:

Fenn Farm Maintenance Sub-committee:

- Chairman Ray Pietrorazio announced that bids for the cow barn re-roofing project were received, and that he met with 1st Selectman E.B. St. John and Public Works Director Dan Norton, and reviewed the six (6) bids received. It was decided to invite the three lowest bidders to review the project on site, individually, and then meet again to select the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, and that deemed in the best interests of the Town.

- Horse barn- Nothing further to report at this time.
- Chairman Ray Pietrorazio stated that the 1st Selectman indicated his support for the LPOS Commission to file for tax-exempt organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A brief discussion followed. Chairman Ray Pietrorazio pointed out that there are several fees that must be incurred to do this, and money must be raised initially to meet these costs. Ray will work with Kris Jacobi, Fund Raising Sub-chair on these issues. The Middlebury Land Trust will be asked to help with a donation.
- Richard Spierto asked if the Commission could receive a monthly accounting of the Fenn's Farm capital account. A brief discussion took place, with agreement that the Chairman would request a quarterly accounting from the Office of the Finance Director.
- Chairman Ray Pietrorazio reported that a representative from Sherwin-Williams Paint Co. responded to his request and visited the farmhouse to inspect the siding paint problem. He was met by Malcolm Todt, who was asked by Ray to fill in because Ray could not attend. Malcolm reported that the rep suggested that vinyl siding was the best course of action due to the presence of the linseed oil that was applied years ago. After discussion, it was decided that the Commission seek another opinion from Benjamin Moore Co.. Ray agreed to make that request of Benjamin Moore Co.

Old Business: Chairman Ray Pietrorazio advised the Commission that there has been no further progress to report on the status of the Fenn Farm License Agreement.

New Business: The date of Saturday, October 1st, was decided for the 2016 Fenn Farm Annual Tour Day. Chairman Ray Pietrorazio indicated he would like to see some different activities planned this year, to build more interest and greater participation.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved to adjourn by John Cookson, which was seconded by Richard Spierto. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn @ 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Pietrorazio
Chairman and Recording Clerk