



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission

MINUTES

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. In Person- Upstairs, Shephardson, Upstairs Dining Room

Present: Paul Bialobreski
Ericka Carrington
Doug Veillette
Malcolm Todt

Also Present: Vin Cipriano, Board of Finance Liaison
Katie Burdick, Recording Clerk

Absent: Anne Paolino
Jim Lawlor
Ray Pietrorazio

1. Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Veillette with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bialobreski MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting;
SECONDED by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

3. Old Business

a. Friends of Fenn's Farm update-

Due to Mr. Pietrorazio's absence the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

b. Fenn's Farm update-

Mr. Veillette updated the commission on the sewer work that was completed at the farm. Mr. Veillette stated the town and the department and public works did a good job getting the work completed.

c. Tentative date for Fenn's Farm one day opening- OCTOBER 2, 2021 Rain date October 3, 2021

The Commission discussed preparations for the Fenn's Farm Day event. The commission discussed possible options for local advertising (town bulletin boards, the Bee, website), attractions, food, and possible joining forces with other town committees and boards to have them have information tables at the event for marketing and exposure.

The Commission discussed that the event would be to showcase Fenn's Farm, the history behind it and the beauty of it. The event would be to help raise awareness of the farm, and try to restore portions of it to its natural beauty. The commission discussed that the event would be for a couple hours and would include a small meet and greet with Robin Fenn, a brief tour of a few areas on the farm, options for food or drinks, and possible activities and animals for the kids.

Mr. Bialobreski MOTIONED to authorize a spending budget up to \$500.00 towards the Fenn's Farm Day even; SECONDED by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

a. Commissioners' Tour of Fenn's Farm-

Discussion tabled until confirmation of Robin Fenn's availability.

b. Coffee hours with Rob Fenn for memorializing Farm history-

Discussion ensued about memorializing the farm's history with small coffee meetings, about 4-5 people at a time, with Robin Fenn telling stories about the farm. The commission would like to record the stories told by Rob Fenn about the farm's history to preserve the history and memorialize the farm for the future.

The dates, times, and invitations to these gatherings will be determined in the near future.

5. Public Comments:

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Todt MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:26 p.m.; SECONDED by Mrs. Carrington. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Burdick

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Recording Clerk