



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission

MINUTES

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. In Person- Upstairs, Sherpardson, Upstairs Dining Room

Present: Paul Bialobreski
Ericka Carrington
Doug Veillette
Malcolm Todt
Anne Paolino
Jim Lawlor (via phone)
Ray Pietrorazio

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

Public: John Cookson

Absent: None

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 August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bialobreski MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting;
SECONDED by Mrs. Carrington. Unanimous approval.
Mr. Pietrorazio abstained due to his absence.

3. Old Business

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

Mr. Veillette stated he has confirmed with Robin Fenn for the Fenn's Farm Day on October 2, 2021 with a rain date of October 3, 2021 during the hours of 11am to 3pm.

Mr. Veillette stated the event will be an opportunity for the public to come and see portions of the Fenn's Farm Property and meet with members of the Land Preservation and Open Space Acquisition Commission along with members of the Land Trust Committee.

Discussion ensued about finalizing preparations for Fenn's Farm Day. Members of the Commission delegated and planned the food, drink, materials needed and they a

potential entertainment for the event. The discussion also included designing flyers to put up around town to raise awareness for the event.

b. Fenn's Farm Update-

Mr. Veillette updated the commission about the electrical panel. Mr. Veillette is waiting on a quote from the electrician to run it inside so it would be automatic.

Mr. Veillette discussed the ongoing issue with the side horse barn door way. Mr. Veillette stated it is continuing to sink and that he also inquired for a quote to repair.

Mr. Veillette also explained that during a ride along of Fenn's Farm property with Robin Fenn, they revisited and discussed the pending drainage issue, which the commission will have to readdress after the pending rain storm. Mr. Veillette also updated the commission that he discussed the idea of the coffee events with Robin Fenn and Robin would happily participate and meet with members of the public to discuss and memorialize the history of Fenn's Farm. The scheduling and participants of these memorializing coffee events would be determined after the next meeting in October 2021.

c. Charitable Trust-

Mr. Lawlor gave a brief update on the ongoing pending status of the Charitable Trust. Mr. Lawlor stated he will have to inquire again to Dana with a stricter timeline for getting it completed. Mr. Lawlor stated it will need to be completed ASAP in order to accommodate the ramping up of the fundraising efforts by the commission.

d. Friends of Fenn's Farm-

Mr. Pietrorazio stated they want a visual sign (approximately 2' x 3') at the cupola to announce the fundraiser. Mr. Pietrorazio also stated that all cash donations for the cupola are tax exempt through the Friends of Fenn's Farm.

4. New Business

The Commissioners discussed the future of Fenn's Farm and the compilation of a list of projects that would be deemed immediate concern. Mr. Veillette suggested moving forward with an engineer to get a report of items that would need to be fixed first. Mr. Veillette then stated with a list of items that needed to be addressed immediately they could request quotes from contractors for the repairs. The commission discussed that the items that could be tabled until the next year could potentially be presented to the finance board where they could request funds for the specific projects.

5. Public Comments:

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Bialobreski MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Burdick

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