



# **TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY**

## *Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission*

### **MINUTES**

**Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**In Person- Upstairs, Sherpardson, Upstairs Dining Room**

**Present:** Ericka Carrington  
Doug Veillette  
Malcolm Todt  
Anne Paolino  
Jim Lawlor

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

**Public:** None

**Absent:** Paul Bialobreski  
Ray Pietrorazio

#### **1. Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mr. Veillette with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. Approval of September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Carrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting with the following noted correction; SECONDED by Mr. Lawlor Unanimous approval.

- Correction:
  - Correction page one of the minutes to add 'Middlebury' Land Trust Committee

#### **3. Old Business**

##### **a. October 2, 2021 Fenn's Farm- Recap**

Mrs. Carrington stated the October 2 event at Fenn's Farm was very successful and it was great to see the support of the tax payers.

A discussion ensued about ideas for improving the event for next year, to make it an even larger success, such as planning six months in advance, more publicity, and to create more ideas to draw a crowd and involve more local residents.

Mr. Veillette suggested each commissioner host a tour of the property and barn with guests at the next event.

Mr. Veillette discussed how to build the momentum off the event for interest in the history of the farm from Robin & his sister.

Mr. Veillette also stated that the possible future uses of the farm could be very vast and involve other local groups such as a library program, local youth programs, and the parks and recreation department.

*b. Fenn's Farm Update-*

*1. Approval of repair needed on horse barn door jamb*

Mr. Todt MOTIONED to accept the quote submitted by Niall O'Neill to repair the barn door way for a total of \$1,880.00; SECONDED by Mrs. Carrington. Unanimous approval.

*c. Charitable Trust-*

Mr. Lawlor gave a brief update on the ongoing pending status of the Charitable Trust. Mr. Lawlor stated he has hit a wall and will invite Dana D. to the next meeting and hopefully get a better idea of the timeline. 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 and cupola repair-*

Mr. Pietrorazio was absent for the meeting. Discussion is tabled until the next meeting

**4. New Business**

*a. Conversations with Rob Fenn regarding Fenn's Farm history*

Mr. Veillette stated he has purchased a recording device for the small coffee story sessions for a few people and Robin Fenn and possibly his sister. Mr. Veillette stated he is hoping photos to be set up and potential copies of the photos to show a pictorial history of the farm over the years.

*b. Brochure/pamphlet of Farm and history of farming in Middlebury*

Discussion ensued about putting together photos of events, historical photos and data about the commission and the farm together. The Commissioners discussed including and recruiting local members from the community for their help and to encourage involvement from the community and spark interest in the property and its significance in history for the community.

*c. Fundraising*

Discussion ensued about the responsibility of the commission in correlation to the town budget and fundraising. Further discussion was tabled until a later date.

**5. Public Comments:**

None

**6. Adjournment**

Mrs. Carrington MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:29 p.m.; SECONDED by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Burdick*

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Recording Clerk