



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY
*Land Preservation & Open Space
Acquisition Commission*

MINUTES

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
In Person- Upstairs, Sherpardson, Upstairs Dining Room

Present: Ericka Carrington
Doug Veillette
Ray Pietrorazio
Malcolm Todt

Also Present: Katie Burdick, Recording Clerk

Public: One

Absent: Jim Lawlor
Paul Bialobreski
Anne Paolino

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 December 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Todt MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting;
SECONDED by Mr. Pietrorazio. Unanimous approval.

3. Old Business

a. Friends of Fenn's Farm Update-

Mr. Pietrorazio updated the commission that there will be a news release in the March 2022 copy of The Bee, to inform the community they are at about 48% of their goal for the new cupola.

b. Fenn's Farm Update-

Mr. Veillette updated the commission about his January 6, 2022 meeting with Robin at the farm. Mr. Veillette stated they have come up with a "to-do list" of 8 items that need to be addressed on the property. Mr. Veillette stated there are a few items on the list that are high priority and there are also a few items that will need to be looked at by professionals. Mr. Veillette has requested a meeting with an engineer to get a quote for the house barn repairs.

Mr. Veillette stated the he was looking to obtain three quotes for the painting of the barns. The quotes would help give the commission on idea of the cost of the painting and if it would be completed in one budget FY or over multiple years.

Mr. Veillette discussed that the cupola of the horse barn is in dire need of the renovation, which Friends of Fenn's Farm is currently soliciting donations for. A member of the community has offered to donate a 25 inch weathervane to replace the one that was stolen.

Mr. Veillette continued to highlight the rest of to-do list items including:

- Ash tree trimming and systemic insect treatment (time sensitive)
- Trimming and/or cables for the two maple trees
- Failing stone wall along Artillery Road- consult with the Department of Public Works.
- Sewer Project and reseeding from the rain wash out this fall
- Field/Meadow drainage where it is holding water

Mr. Veillette also stated that the Life Estate Agreement needs to be reviewed along with some clarifications. Mr. Veillette stated to be proactive for the future of the Fenn's Farm he believes it should be addressed soon.

Mr. Veillette discussed with Commission that pending the outcome of the quotes for work to be completed at Fenn's Farm, the commission may have to request an increase in the next Fiscal Year's budget.

4. New Business

Mr. Veillette stated that he hopes to have more information on the farmland conservation and preservation funding and municipal grants for working farms. Mr. Pietrorazio stated that he had found literature on conservation options for farmland along with a guide to land trust funding.

The discussion was tabled and the commission will continue to do research on grants and municipal funding for working farms.

5. Public Comments:

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Veillette stated he will be unable to attend next month's meeting and Mrs. Paolino will be running the March meeting. Mr. Veillette stated that he hopes she will have more information on the farmland conservation and preservation funding and municipal grants for working farms.

Mr. Todt MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:32 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