



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission

MINUTES

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

Present: Ray Pietrorazio
Malcolm Todt
Paul Bialobreski
Jim Lawlor
Ericka Carrington
George Gabrielson

Also Present: Katie Burdick, Recording Clerk

Public: One

Absent: Anne Paolino

1. Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of June 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bialobreski **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting;
SECONDED by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

3. Welcoming of George Gabrielson as a LPOS Commission Member

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Gabrielson as an official member of the LPOS Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectman on August 15, 2022.
Mr. Gabrielson stated he was thankful for the opportunity to join the commission.

4. Old Business

a. Friends of Fenn's Farm Update-

Mr. Pietrorazio updated the commission that the fundraiser for the Friends of Fenn's Farm Cupola project had raised a total of \$5,800.00. The top donor was Thomaston Savings Bank.

The Commission discussed ideas for a potential thank you gift for Thomaston Savings bank for the being the highest single donation.

b. Fenn's Farm Update

- i. Commissioners discussed the upcoming Fenn's Farm Annual Farm Tour.

The commissioners delegated responsibilities for the tour and discussed potential signage and ideas to draw more attention and crowd to the tour on October 1, 2022 (rain date October 8th) from 11-3pm.

A discussion ensued amongst the commissioners for next year's event to work with other town departments i.e. Parks and Recreation department. The commissioners discussed having Parks and Recreation department's involvement may draw more people and attention to the event.

The Land trust committee will be hosting a one day only (day of the Fenn's Farm Annual Tour) bird walk guided hike at Fenn's Farm on Saturday October 1, 2022 in two sessions: 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.

The Land Trust will also be donating cider, coffee and donuts to the LPOS Fenn's Farm Annual Tour day event.

Mr. Bialobreski **MOTIONED** to suggest to the Board of the first selectman a 1-day insurance liability policy be purchased for the Fenn's Farm Annual Farm tour day October 1, 2022; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lawlor. Unanimous approval.

ii. Mr. Pietrorazio stated he obtained two (2) Horse Barn Cupola project quotes. One quote was from M.F. Rosa contracting and one from Niall O'Neill.

Discussion ensued about the specifics of each quote and the urgency of the project, pricing, and timeline for when it can be performed.

Mr. Bialobreski **MOTIONED** to recommend M.F. Rosa Contracting for the contractor of the Fenn's Farm Cupola project to the Board of first Selectman; **SECONDED** by Mr. Gabrielson. Unanimous approval.

5. New Business

a. Rainstorm damage reported by Rob Fenn (via phone August 24, 2022)

- i. Roof leak at house living room
- ii. Driveway wash-out into street
- iii. Stone wall along Artillery Road continuing to move downward

Mr. Pietrorazio briefed the commissioners on the issues reported by Robin Fenn 8/24/22. Mr. Pietrorazio stated the roof leak is a reoccurring issue and he reported the issue to Department of Public works and there was no answer. Mr. Pietrorazio stated he then escalated the concern for the issue to the First Selectman's office and they made a call to have them call to temporarily resolve the issue. Mr. Pietrorazio stated the driveway washed out into the street, has been fixed and it was not a normal thing that happens. Mr. Pietrorazio updated the commission about the ongoing failing stone wall along Artillery Road. Mr. Pietrorazio stated he is still continuing discussions on how to resolve the issue.

6. Public Comments:

None

7. **Adjournment**

Mr. Todt **MOTIONED** to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:37 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