



# **TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY**

## *Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission*

### **MINUTES**

**Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 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:** none

**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 September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Bialobreski **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting;  
**SECONDED** by Mrs. Carrington. Unanimous approval.

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

##### **a. Friends of Fenn's Farm Update-**

Mr. Pietrorazio updated the commission that the fundraiser had been completed and donated to the Cupola project. (See Fenn's Farm update for more information)

##### **b. Fenn's Farm Update**

A discussion ensued amongst the commissioners about the Fenn's Farm Day tour that is rescheduled for October 8, 2022.

Commissioners discussed each Commissioners responsibilities for the event.

Mrs. Carrington suggested advertisement on the towns Facebook page to help draw citizens at the event. Members of the LPOS commission also suggested it be mentioned by the first selectman on Friday night robot call to the town citizens.

Mr. Pietrorazio reminded the commissioners that the Fenn's Farm Day event will be held from 11am-3pm at Fenn's Farm on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Included in the one day tour event will also be hosting 2 walking tours hosted by the Middlebury Land Trust. One walk will kick off at 10:30am and one at 2:00pm.

Mr. Pietrorazio updated the commission on the cupola project. The project is scheduled to start on October 6, 2022. The project was awarded to MF Rosa. The project should take approximately 1 week to complete (including set up of the work area platform and the construction itself). Mr. Pietrorazio stated the town opted to include the metal roof for the cupola, which has been ordered and is on backordered, once it arrives it will fully complete the project.

Mr. Pietrorazio stated the first selectman asked for the commission to spearhead overseeing the Cupola project at Fenn's Farm.

Mr. Lawlor discussed the pond at Fenn's Farm being slowly taken over by the cattail growth. Mr. Lawlor inquired whose responsibility to maintain or organize a vendor to help maintain the growth before it has completely filled itself in. Mr. Pietrorazio stated he will inquire with the Board of Selectman's and the first selectman and try to have an answer/plan on how to 'clean out' the pond and prevent regrowth of the cattails for the next meeting. The discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

4. **New Business**

None

5. **Public Comments:**

None

6. **Adjournment**

Mr. Bialobreski **MOTIONED** to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:43 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