



# **TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY**

## *Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission*

### **MINUTES**

**Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**In Person- Upstairs, Sherpardson, Upstairs Dining Room**

**Present:** Malcolm Todt  
Ericka Carrington  
George Gabrielson  
Anne Paolino

**Also Present:** Katie Burdick, Recording Clerk

**Public:** none

**Absent:** Jim Lawlor  
Paul Bialobreski

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mrs. Paolino with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. Approval of October 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Todt **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting;  
**SECONDED** by Mr. Gabrielson. Unanimous approval.

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

##### **a. Fenn's Farm Update:**

Mr. Todt gave a brief update on the Fenn's Farm sewer alarm issue that came up in December 2022. The sewer installed last year has an alarm to activate to prevent overflow. Mr. Todt stated that the failing sewer alarm has since been repaired by the town and is currently working.

#### **4. New Business**

Mr. Todt **MOTIONED** to approve the 2023 LPOS Meeting Schedule; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Carrington. Unanimous approval.

Mrs. Paolino briefly discussed grant funding options for the repairs and restorations at Fenn's Farm. Mrs. Paolino stated that there are funds available through the state. Mrs. Paolino discussed potential options of hiring a grant writer or a circuit writer to apply for these types of funds. Mrs. Paolino stated that her husband has more knowledge of the

application and grant writing process and would be willing to come to next month's meeting for a more in-depth discussion and to answer any questions the Commissioners may have. Commissioners agreed and requested him to come to the February 2023 meeting to discuss grant writing options and the application process.

The Commission discussed the resignation of Chairman Ray Pietrorazio from the LPOS Commission.

Mr. Todt requested a **MOTION** for formal acknowledgement for Mr. Pietrorazio and his dedication and tireless efforts to get projects done with the best interest of the town and Fenn's Farm first; Mr. Gabrielson **SECONDED** the motion. Unanimous approval.

The Commissioners agreed that the LPOS Commission and Town of Middlebury owe Mr. Pietrorazio for his long-time commitment and thanked him for his dedication and service.

Mr. Todt **MOTIONED** to nominate and elect Mr. George Gabrielson as Chairman of the Land Preservation and Open Space Acquisition Commission; Mrs. Carrington **SECONDED** the motion. Unanimous approval.

5. **Public Comments:**  
None

6. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Carrington **MOTIONED** to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Mr. Todt. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Burdick*

Katie Burdick  
Recording Clerk