

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:34pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor Jim Freda , Chairperson Tamara Roselius, Environmental Committee Liaison Scot Simptner, Thomas Ott, Jessica Zelenak, Council Liaison Randall Charles

Absent: Vice Chairperson Bob Roy, Steve Spinelli, Glen Sisco, Katherine Galarza, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Gloshinski

Hearing from the Public – None

Review/approve meeting minutes for September 14, 2022: Jessica Zelenak made a motion and Scot Simptner seconded; all in favor, none opposed, Tom Ott abstained.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: R. Charles-Not reporting at this meeting.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius- Not reporting at this meeting.

Environmental Committee: S. Simptner- Not reporting at this meeting.

L'Ecole: R. Roy- Not reporting at this meeting.

Old Business:

New Pond- Not reporting at this meeting.

Town Wide Trail Plan and Open Space Site Visits-On hold.

Dog Park-Having a dog park would promote the boro. Altho the lower field at KRP might work, neighbors will/have complained about the noise level. Jim wants things moved around at DPW to make space for it which would also make it easier to cover liability to protect the boro.

ROSI-Required to update in order to still get funding. Last done in 2017

KCC- Not reporting at this meeting.

Critical Habitat Management Plan-Not reporting at this meeting.

Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant (“PIG”)-Not reporting at this meeting.

- New Business:** Discussion of new Open Space & Recreation Master Plan. Includes previous report as well.
- 1) Open Space goals listed: a) protect water quality; b) maintain rural character; c) preserve critical land and habitat; d) maintain recreation facilities; e) build accessibility; f) maintain and utilize open space land; and g) pursue funding to acquire signature properties. Protected and preserved 35% of borough.
 - 2) Plan recognizes what the borough has done over the decades-costs broken down by municipal, county town and state levels; goes into detail about all grants for projects that have been pursued and subsequently built and funded.
 - 3) Plan lists reserved land by block and lot (4,000 acres total).
 - 4) Would like to make copies of plan to distribute to all realtors (Jim will drop off and ‘talk it up’!) to promote private and public land in Smoke Rise and Fayson Lakes; recreation activities in various parks, club swimming, historical aspects. Also send copy of plan to anyone who has given us \$\$ and send out a press kit to local newspapers.

Included: Recommendations: woodlands, critical watershed lands, wildlife habitat, the trails of green ways-then maps of all. Short term, midterm and longterm projects included. Lots of maps and tables included.

Next steps: Goes to Planning Board for approval; it's then adopted as part of the Master Plan; goes to the public for presentation by Barbara Davis of the Land Conservancy and then presented also at the Mayor and Council workshop on 12/15.

Motion made by Scot Simptner and seconded by Tom Ott to approved the new Open Space & Recreation Master Plan; all in favor, none opposed.

- Change name of council committee to SOSAC as well?
- R. Charles working on **Waughaw**-all costs covered by county.
- Last time Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) was updated was 2017. Need to change name from Veterans Park to Pocket Park. Once property is put on inventory list it cannot be used for anything else-so be careful!
- Environmental resource-last updated in 2013. Probably more of a Highlands directive-what are the benefits of doing this and does it have to be done? Ask Barbara at the Land Conservancy.
- Open Space Committee maintained a confidential spreadsheet of land they want to acquire. Last time updated in 2018. In ordinance so has to be done. Ask Linda at the Land Conservancy.
- Set up subcommittees for K-Fresh, Earth Day, dog park, community shelter, etc.?
- Annual contract with Land Conservancy.
- 10/20 introduced ordinance to combine committees and will be adopted on 11/17. New meeting date is the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30.
- Planning Board: Loosen up and have more commercial business in town?
- Jim will reach out to historical and recreation to try and find a new liaison from those committees.
- Can Scot be an alternate for Historical and then the liaison? Can Jessica volunteer and be the liaison for the Planning Board?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment: Time 9:30 on a motion by Scot Simptner and seconded by Jessica Zelenak, all in favor, none opposed.