

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:35pm)

Roll Call: Attending: Chairperson T. Roselius, Vice Chairperson R. Roy, S. Spinelli, Thomas Ott, Katherine Galarza, Jessica Zelenak, Council Liaison Randall Charles, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner (virtual), Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski (virtual)

Absent: Mayor J. Freda, G. Sisco

Hearing from the Public – None

Review/approve meeting minutes for April 14, 2021 and February 9, 2002: R. Charles made a motion and T. Roselius seconded all in favor, none opposed, T. Ott, J. Zelenak abstained.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: R. Charles-1) Boro eligible for trail grants with Park Commission-Untermeyer; 2) Dog park near DPW? Not big enough; 3) Boro of Butler granted extension for emergency shelter; 4) Denise Dr. water tank issue, Crew Engineers busy w/HVAC at boro buildings; 5) Garbage contract renewed; 6) Altice/Cablevision 15 year renewal-fiber optics; for internet only; 7) AT&T & Park Commission to meet re: monopole-big 20' antenna next to Denise Drive water tank for emergency communication purposes.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius-Lot line change and encroachment on neighbor's property.

Environmental Committee: S. Simptner-1) Table at K-Fresh and will be at K-Fest on 10/1 to deliver park maps to community; 3) Merger w/Open Space; 4) Work session-fertilizers, micro-plastics, kicked around ideas; 5) Tom Kline giving Kinnelon history lecture tomorrow at library 6:30 L'Ecole: R. Roy-Construction all done; permits all signed off on.

Old Business:

Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant ("PIG")- Will be submitting paperwork to Green Acres for reimbursement of 50% into the Open Space fund for due diligence for acquisition of Boonton Ave Fields. The remainder of the Green Acres funds will be reprogrammed. Morris County Park Commission reduced the Open Space tax below what Green Acres requires so they no longer have Green Acres funding. Therefore-discussing collaborating with them on a project for next year's trail grant round concerning the Untermeyer parcel where they have an 80 acre trail easement on the property grant. County updating Open Space element so have to look at climate change. Parcel on Miller Road contiguous to Pyramid Mountain; finally transferred to County, will come off our ROSI; Waugham Greenway-Mountainside Park thru Untemeyer-mountain bike riders like the area; Pio Costa donated area for parking.

New Pond- Nothing new to report.

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

Dog Park-Nothing new to report.

ROSI-Nothing new to report.

KCC-Nothing new to report.

Critical Habitat Management Plan-Council needs to adopt ordinances to implement the actual plan. Referring to Highland-hoping to adopt this year. Reaching out to Jessica Caldwell to do actual drafting. ANJEC-annual fee? Environmental Committee budget

Closed Session - Land Acquisitions

Time into closed 8:05; Time out of closed 8:23.

New Business: Worked on draft ordinance to combine Open Space Committee with the Environmental Committee. 1) Name-Sustainability and Open Space Advisory Committee (SOSAC); 2) Want to have 7 members (with 2 alternates) so only 4 needed for quorum; 3) No student member; 4) Would like to add member from Recreation Committee; 5) New members have to live in town; 6) Council liaison does not vote; 7) Committee will recommend a recording secretary and council will appoint; 8) Purpose of committee-change draft to add 'sustainability'; 9) Would like to add 'light pollution' under 'Duties' of committee but since there is no ordinance might be difficult; 10) Under 'Duties' would also like to add sub-committees for: dog park, community garden, lakes and dams, Earth Day, public education, tree ordinance, etc.

Would like to vote on changes to approve this draft ordinance at August 10th meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment: Time 9:14 on a motion by T. Ott and seconded by J. Zelenak, all in favor, none opposed.

At the September 14, 2022 Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, on a motion made by Bob Roy and seconded by Katherine Galarza, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.

