

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:31pm) (Meeting held via Zoom)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor J. Freda, Chairperson T. Roselius, Vice Chairperson R. Roy, Council Liaison Randall Charles, S. Spinelli, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski

Absent: G. Sisco

Guests: Barbara Heskins Davis, Charles Daniel, Thomas Ott, Lauren Ebersol, Jessica Zelenak

Hearing from the Public – None

Reorganization Meeting: R. Charles made a motion and S. Spinelli seconded to appoint T. Roselius as Chairperson; all in favor, none opposed. S. Spinelli made a motion and T. Roselius seconded to appoint R. Roy as Vice Chairperson; all in favor, none opposed.

Presentation by Barbara Heskins Davis from The Land Conservancy: The Open Space Plan is now 10 years old. Has to be updated every 10 years in order to qualify for Green Acres funding. Working on plan now; should have draft in the spring. Link to 2005 and 2012 Open Space Plans on line at: www.kinnelonboro.org/open-space-advisory-committee.

Green Acres really wants 2 maps- they want you to show the existing inventory of preserved lands and the potential for open space. Showed current maps on screen. Must update the ROSI any time you apply for grants. Need to review goals for boro from the 2012 plan--still want to consider as a priority? The Land Conservancy suggests adding to goals-1) Stewarding the land and water for ecological health and resiliency; 2) Climate resiliency projects; 3) Continue to ensure adequate funding to secure significant properties in the boro.

In order to get some grants, need goal recommendations: KCC Shelter instead of Senior Center (or both?) Expand recreational areas? Green ways (interconnected to adjacent towns as well)? Maintenance of lakes and dams? Lake Rickabear if status of Girl Scouts changes? Climate change which affects natural resources? Preserve woodlands, especially native species? Reforestation? Contact forester-reach out re: arbor day-plant seedlings? More utilization of property we already have-i.e., dog park? Community garden? Barbara will send updated goal statement to T. Roselius.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: R. Charles-Nothing new to report.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius-Critical Habitat Conservation and Management Plan-the only NJ township to have one; used as a prototype.

Environmental Committee: T. Ott-Investigating how to support Earth Day, K100 & K-Fresh. Distribute recyclable bags, organize a site walk re: proposed paving areas.

L'Ecole: R. Roy-1) Internal site work starting soon.

Old Business:

Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant ("PIG")-Boro currently acquiring property-trying to tie up loose ends for August 1st deadline. Current balance approx. \$504,000.00. Boro has not acquired any property since 2017-grant funding good for 2 years; if not used it is lost. Would have to apply again from scratch. There is a stewardship grant available if boro is interested in pursuing-all grants are 50% matching.

New Pond- Nothing new to report.

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

Dog Park-Nothing new to report.

ROSI-Don't have to update until new agreement.

KCC-Nothing new to report.

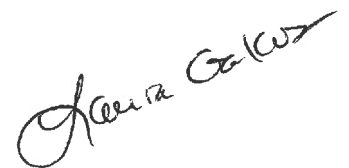
Weber Dam-Boro engineer now working on getting resolved due to conflict of interest with owner's attorneys.

New Business: T. Roselius-Discussion of merging the Open Space Committee with the Environmental Committee due to quorum issues. Thomas Ott will bring it up with his committee. Would have to draft up ordinance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:43 on a motion by R. Roy and seconded by S. Simptner, all in favor, none opposed.

At the July 13, 2022 Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, on a motion made by Randall Charles and seconded by Tamara Roselius, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present except Thomas Ott, Katherine Galarza and Jessica Zelenak who abstained, the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine Galarza".