

Minutes for the Open Space Committee January 8, 2019

The meeting commenced at 7:04 pm.

Open Public Meetings Statement – Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and was posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Reorganization- John Cronce was appointed as Chair, Hal Shute as Vice Chair, and Cathy Urbanski as Secretary.

Roll call:

Present: Cronce, Malek, Shute, Urbanski

Absent: Fisher, Schaible, Bergenfeld (TC liaison)

Approval of minutes: November 13, 2018. Approved, with corrections.

Opportunity for Public Comment – No members of the public were present.

New Business

PIG application filed by Hal – of note that the Wooden South, Kiriluk, and the Fulper GDP parcels were targeted farms.

County Municipal Grant – Cathy will submit, but needs help from Hal as to the breakdown of County, State, and WAT funding. A discussion followed as to what the Municipal Grant covered and what it was.

Old Business

Hunting parcel access – John provided information: he had gotten the Township Committee's approval to proceed with the addition to the Hunting Regulations to permit ATV's to help bring in deer. Contact persons for each hunting parcel were notified. The TC asked that this be reviewed yearly, to address any problems or issues. The ATV permission right can be nullified for each parcel if needs be.

Website update – Cathy reported that the updates have been done.

Open Space Map – Banisch or in house version: members discussed this and decided that it would be best if the official open space map should be produced by Joanna Slagle, Banisch Associates and

be incorporated into the next revision of the Master Plan. Cathy will work with Joanna to accomplish this and also to produce a large map for display in the main meeting room.

Farming municipal property – recommendation by the AAC to keep the property farmed by residents and to keep Fulper as the farmer.

Hunting Program – John reported that he did not discuss the horseback riding problem on the Wooden property, but will do so at the next Township Committee meeting.

Easement monitoring – to be done soon. Next meeting, review the monitored parcels and proceed from there.

Open to members for further discussion – Hal noted that he had been in contact with Stefanie Miller concerning meeting with us to discuss state preservation of large parcels. Members discussed possibly Jingoli, Roebing, and Kiriluk. Stephanie will attend our March 12 meeting. Decision to invite members of the AAC.

No members of the public were present for comment.

Next Meeting Date – March 12, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes prepared by C. Urbanski, Secretary.