

MINUTES

Town of Gardiner Open Space Commission

June 14, 2021 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Format: Zoom videoconference

1. Attendance: Laura Rose, Kay Hoiby, Laura Wong-Pan, Kellie George, Linda Geary, Tara Hoey
2. Opening – Quote - Kellie
Approval of May Minutes –move to approve Laura WP, second Tara. Approved

Next Meeting – Regular Schedule – July 12, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Quote for next meeting- Tara

3. David Church – Discussion regarding Revision of Comprehensive Plan.

David (contact: dchurch@hvc.rr.com) explained that he was retained individually to work with Klara Associates to revise the Town's Comprehensive Plan (CP), last updated in 2004. Goal is to have a draft by September 2021, public hearing in October and for the Town to adopt in December 2021. Group meetings and interviews by zoom with town standing committees; library, seniors and others have been ongoing and are underway.

CP by law affects two primary issues: regulating land use (zoning, e.g.) and capital projects- how the Town will spend money, borrow, bond or create new tax. Town priority is to preserve what is special about the Town and balance new development with intelligent open space preservation. Various issues were raised by GOSC members and discussed including: sewer and wastewater limitations in the hamlet, affordable housing including zoning to allow tiny house development, need for money, education and monitoring of open space. He noted that the County did a Housing Plan and Gardiner came up last in the county for affordable rentals. David asked, and we discussed, how the GOSC, ECC and Planning Board interact with each other. David wanted to know how the Open Space Plan, NRI, Climate Action, the Ulster County Open Space Plan, and the Regional Open Space Plan all relate to each other. Priority research areas for the revision include sustainability, flood zones, how to attract businesses, and water use, including plans for the Town to join the Rural Water Association to study aquifers in the town. Town will be working with grant writers, ECC, Mohonk and Minnewaska on revising the CP. David encouraged members to submit comments and to contact him as this work progresses.

4. GOSC Application for public requests to consider land for program: discussed draft application for donating land in fee or donating an easement. Moved to accept the application, subject to any

necessary edits, provided a cover letter explains that at the time the GOSC has no funds to acquire lands or easements. Moved by Laura Rose; seconded by Kay Hoiby, passed.

5. GOSC – Public Outreach and Education Program - review of session 1
Preparation for session 2 Kay
ROLL OVER ITEMS
6. Ongoing Items
7. NRI - GIS consultant RFQ
8. Next Steps/ Wrap Up
9. Carrying Issues
10. Review of Proposals for donations of privately owned parcels
11. Referred by Andy Lewis:- SBL 93.1-4-46 Pioneer Lane .39 acres
12. Referred by Supervisor: SBL 93.8 - 2-3 Forest Glen 1 acre 5.
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