

Minutes, Open Space Commission Meeting, Hybrid format/ in Town Hall and on Zoom.
August 8, 2022 6:00 -7:30 PM

Attendance: In person: Jean-Ann McGrane, Kay Hoiby, Tara Hoey

On Zoom: Laura Wong-Pan

Excused - Kellie George, Linda Geary, Laura Rose

Quote for this meeting brought by Tara.

“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Buy land, they’re not making it anymore.” - Mark Twain

Opening Business:

June meeting minutes approved. Motion by Kay second Tara. No objections.

September 12, 2022, 6 -7:30 PM next meeting, hybrid format, on Zoom and in person in Town Hall.

Laura Wong-Pan to offer a quote for the next meeting.

GOSC Goals for 2022: Action Steps Updates

Goal #4: Support the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Kay
Discussion - fall series to coordinate with the CPF campaign.

Kay discussed Community Education and Outreach of Agricultural Lands outline for discussion.

Outreach potentially scheduled for October. October 24, would this date work for a meeting?
Jean was checking if town hall was available. Cari Watkins-Bates from Scenic Hudson is available for this date.

Would Red Hook be able to do an education program? Jean is going to try and find a speaker involved with the Red Hook CPF. Jean is going to ask the supervisor if she could reach out to the Red Hook supervisor and set up a call to discuss.

Tara to circle back to David Behm, see the status of the next funding round of NYS Farmland Protection Grant.

Kay will speak to Becky Fullam and Rod Dressel about what the farmers want to hear in the education outreach.

How can we encourage people to apply to these programs?

After the November election GOSC will review talking one on one to landowners about conservation. We would review the CPP map data at that time looking at ranking criteria to pick landowners.

Goal #1: Support efforts to create a Community Preservation Plan. Jean
Status update

The plan was approved. The local laws have all been passed!! This part of the work has been completed.

Goal #2: Ensure the Town monitors its conservation easements and preserved lands. Laura R

WVLT lawyers approved the agreement. Laura Rose sent the final version to the town Supervisor to have signed, pending.

Goal #3: Educate and Encourage Voluntary Conservation
- Gardiner Day Planning Tara, Laura R, Kay

Gardiner Day will be October 1st at Majestic Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Set up move in is 9:00am to 10:30am. We have requested two table spots be reserved in the pole barn. Waiting on revised application to submit for GOSC. There's no vendor fee due for GOSC.

Do we have any signage for the table? No. We would need to purchase this.

Maybe we can hang maps on the pole barn walls, inside or out. Do we need anything to happen with the maps for that?

Can we project maps onto the wall?

What would the group like to see happen at our table?

Include the preserved in Gardiner Map.

Interactive opportunities? Computers and projectors.

Laura and Tara will meet after Labor Day to start planning.

4. ECC proposal for 10 acre zoning Tara

The ECC is exploring 10 acre zoning for Gardiner. If ECC wants to proceed with this, they could come present to GOSC after the November election. Tara will update Roberta.

2023 GOSC Budget - Proposals for items to include in agenda

Using last year's data, and proposing additional money for one extra baseline per year.

Gardiner Activities related to GOSC

- Drinking Water Protection Committee

No update.

Gardiner Gazette next issue, Conservation Monitoring program article? Jean is going to ask Laura Rose about writing this.

Meeting ending 7:02