

## **OPEN SPACE MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 12, 2020**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairman Scott Olson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram's website, [www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org) not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL** - Ray Bonker, Scott Olson, Joe Sabatini, John Morytko, Erik Duch, Scott Yappen, Earl Riley. Heather Gracie, Ben Spinelli and Doris Flynn were also on the call.

### **OS FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

- a. Reserve for Open Space - \$475,432
- b. Reserve for Debt Service - \$149,809
- c. Debt Service P & I - \$264,000
- d. Planning Incentive Grant - \$400,000

### **OLD BUSINESS**

b) Review of timber harvest and invasive removal with Heather Gracie - Heather provided an updated

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Review 2021 goals and objectives for Gracie & Harrigan forestry
  - Ray suggested that we should look at two additional properties with the easiest access to analyze what needs to be done. The new Johnson parcel would be one Heather could look at. Doris will resend the map to Heather. Heather could GPS the boundaries. Heather will come up with goals and objectives for the Johnson parcels and the 3 parcels Scott talked about. The next meeting is December 14--Heather will provide info to us by October 30. Heather should look at the Arnell property. Joe also suggested the Glenside Woods. Joe suggested Ben concentrate on trying to get a sliver of property that would connect into Kellogg property.
  - Ray would like Heather to consider if any of our parcels were suited for control burns. Heather will look into it.

- b.) Review of logos and marketing/promotional items with Ben Spinelli - The comments made at the last meeting were reviewed and Ben and another staff member worked on the logos and came up with several for review by the committee.

John Morytko said that he prefers the logo on the left without the frame. John said the frame is good for certain applications such as a sticker on a window. Joe liked the bottom left with the removal of “Established ...” Joe likes the oval frame because it is more modern, instead of the old fashioned frame. Earl feels Establish is important, and he would abbreviate it. Ray didn’t feel the Establish was important because we aren’t advertising that it is historical. We are using the logo to establish an identity, which is a destination for hiking, biking, fishing, etc. For these reasons, he didn’t think Establish was necessary. Scott Yappen agreed. “Byram Outdoors” was discussed, which could be an extra element to advertise. Ben showed the interactive map, which had pictures, slide shows and videos. Ben reserved “Byram Outdoors” for a domain name.

Trails Logo. Scott liked the frame on the left. John like the trails logo and have the colored triangles There was discussion on “hub of Sussex County Trails”. Earl thought we were the gateway to the Sussex County Trails, and not the hub. Joe stated that Stanhope considers themselves “the gateway to Sussex County”--it is on their website and a sign. There was discussion of the importance of keeping the words Sussex County in the logo. Scott Olson liked “Gateway to Sussex County Trails”.

Ben talked about a grant application for grant. He stated that we have to come to an agreement on a project for submittal. We have to come to an agreement with Kellogg on details of trail access. It will take time to have discussion and nail the details down. As part of the deal Kellogg signed when he put conservation easements on the property, he had to give public trail access.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - August 10, 2020 Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes – Motion by Ray, second by Joe to approve the minutes as presented. All members in favor.

**Environmental Commission Update** - The 3<sup>rd</sup> invasive species event will happen this Saturday. There has been a great turnout so far. The 3<sup>rd</sup> event will occur on the Jefferson Glen Trail off of Route 206. They are collecting data on location of the invasive species with special apps on a mobile device. The data will be given to our Forester. Backyard forestry webinar on October 15, 7 p.m. The subject is about control burns. Scott Olson will forward the links to the apps and Erik will send information about the webinar.

Ray reported that the Council will be interviewing specialized firms to reconfigure COJohnson, which was result of the joint meeting deciding on capital projects. Ray talked about OS funds and how people want to use the funds for recreation improvements. Ray cautioned that only a portion of these funds should be used for this because there are other needs for this money, such as improvements to the cemetery, forestry maintenance and purchasing easements or parcels.

Joe said there needs to be an adjustment on the remaining debt service at the end of the year, which will reduce the number by \$29,000.

Scott Yappen asked what the Council will be looking for when they interview the firms for the COJ project. Ray explained what the Council would be looking for. The Committee also had a brief discussion on bonding.

**BILL** - Gracie & Harrington - \$812. Joe made a motion, second by ER to recommend that the Council pay this bill. All in favor.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – No comments were made.

Motion by Scott Y., second by Earl to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. All members in favor.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Doris Flynn