

Minutes

Mendham Borough Open Space Advisory Committee

Date: 11/ 12/ 2015 – 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ

1. Attendees:

Mr. Barry
 Mr. Connolly, Chairman
 Mr. DeBuvitz, Vice Chair
 Mr. Topping
 Mr. Jephson

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 9/10/2015 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Current Fund Balance:

Current Balance \$770,923.93	(11/4/2015)
2015 Annual Deposit - \$109,499	(pending)

4. Old Business:

Scott Farm Acquisition

The closing this property is schedule for next month and grants from Morris County Open Space and the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) are expected to cover 75% of the cost leaving a net cost to the Borough Open Space Fund of \$111,250 plus expenses.

Name Change to Cary Farm

There was a discussion of changing the name to the “Cary Farm” after Stephen Cary who acquired the property in 1822 and built the historic house across the street in the early 1830’s. After further discussion, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the property be renamed as the “Cary Farm” and that a letter recommending this be sent to the Borough council (copy attached)

Rowe Sheep Farm

This property is currently in the Eight Year Preservation program with the current term expiring in November of this year. There was a discussion of seeking to transition this to the permanent preservation program. George Connolly will follow up with the county.

Sisters of Christian Charity

The Planning Board has approved the "80 Acre Religious Zone" for this property

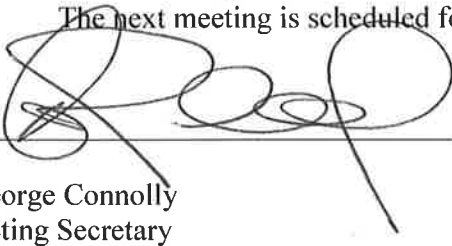
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5. New Business:
None

6. Other Business:
None

7. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

8. Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 7 PM at the Phoenix House

 _____ Date 1/14/2016

George Connolly
Acting Secretary