

**MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES 11/10/2016**

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

- 1. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Connolly, at 7:07 PM.**
- 2. Adequate Notice Statement: Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and was posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board on the same date.**
- 3. Roll Call:**
  - John Andrus, Council Representative, Present**
  - Eric Arena, Absent**
  - Peter Barry, Present@7:11**
  - George Connolly, Chair, Present**
  - William DeBuvitz, Vice Chair, Absent**
  - David Sprandel, Secretary, Present**
  - Charles Topping, Present**
- Alternate I: Robert Jephson, Present**
- 4. Approval of Minutes. – Mr. Topping moved, Mr. Jephson seconded and all approved the September minutes.**
- 5. Public Comment – None.**
- 6. Borough Council Update – Mr Andrus reported it is unlikely there will be any merger of the Borough & Township police depts. There will be a Borough Council budget meeting on 12/10.**
- 7. Current Fund Balance – With previous balance of \$718,074.69 and expenditures to Ferriero Engineering of \$5210, for Mountain View Park Dam, and \$172, for the Scott Farm, the new Current Balance is \$712960.69.**
- 8. Old Business**
  - A. Scott Farm –**
    - a. We should receive an answer from Morris County in December as to the request for a construction grant that would provide a walking trail that ultimately would connect to Patriots Path.**
  - B. Rowe Sheep Farm – On 11/1/2016 auto-renewal into the 8-year farmland preservation plan took place. The sheep sales may be adequate to provide enough income to get the farm into permanent farm preservation status.**

- C. Sisters of Christian Charity – Appears construction has begun on the new building.
  - D. Tranquility Garden – No change.
  - E. Phoenix House Preservation Plan – In process.
  - F. Use of Open Space Funds – Committee is unsure of the restrictions. Mr. Andrus is in the process of requesting a legal opinion from the Borough Council's attorney.
9. New Business –
- A. West Field Handicap Access. Mr. Andrus reports that the Bourough may be able to handle it.
10. Other Business: None.
11. Adjournment – Mr. Sprandel moved, Mr. Andrus seconded and all approved we adjourn at 8:10 PM.
- A. The next regular reorganization meeting is scheduled for 1/12/2017, at 7:00PM at the Phoenix House. The Chairman requests members let him know any interest, on the part of members, to serve as one of the officers (Chairman, Vice-Chair & Secretary).