

MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 3/13/2014

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

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Connolly, at 7:10 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.
 3. Roll Call:
 - George Connolly, Chair, Present
 - William DeBuvitz, Vice Chair, Present
 - David Sprandel, Secretary, Present
 - Charles Topping, Present
 - John Andrus, Council Representative, Present
 - Peter Barry, Absent
 - Adam Slutsky, Present
- Alternates:
None
4. Mr. Topping moved, Mr. Slutsky seconded and the minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2014 were unanimously approved.
 5. Public Comment – None.
 6. Borough Council Update – Mr. Andrus projects capital savings is increasing by ~\$200,000. Expected to spend money on purchase of police equipment, some paving of Borough streets and a truck for the Public Works department. Projected increase in taxes is on the order of 2%. Auditor says the Borough finances are in good shape. It is expected the budget will be approved this month.
 7. Financial Report – The current balance is \$726,256. No transactions YTD.
 8. Old Business
 - a. Cosma Lake Property – There is no interest in purchasing this property.
 - b. Scott Farm – The Borough Administrator has shown the property to Barbara Murray, of the County Farm Preservation Committee.
 - c. 31 Ironia Road – Property is not suitable for Open Space but perhaps the Borough has an interest in using it for office space.
 9. New Business
 - a. Cromwell Farm

b. **Phoenix House preservation -**

c. **Committee membership – Keith McNair has resigned from his alternate position and we could use suggestions for new memberships. Mr. Topping suggested Bob Jephson, who is the VP of the Mendham Borough Historical Society.**

10. Other Business – Mr. Topping suggested we investigate forming a sub-committee to possibly manage purchased farmland properties.

11. Adjournment – Mr. Debuwitz moved, Mr. Sprandel seconded and all approved we adjourn at 8:13 PM.

a. **The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5/8/2014, at 7:00PM.**

David Sprandel