

MENDHAM BOROUGH OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 5/8/2014

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

- 1. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Connolly, at 7:12 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, Absent**
 - Peter Barry, Absent**
 - Adam Slutsky, Present**

Alternates:

None

- 4. Mr. Topping moved, Mr. DeBuvitz seconded and the minutes for the meeting of March 13, 2014 were unanimously approved.**
- 5. Public Comment – None.**
- 6. Borough Council Update – N/A.**
- 7. Financial Report – The current balance is \$726,426.37. No transactions, other than interest, YTD.**
- 8. Old Business**
 - a. Scott Farm – The price has recently been reduced and is now available in 2 separate parcels. One, the house, in Mendham Township and the second, acreage with a couple of farm buildings, in Mendham Borough. Morris County does not buy property, only easements. We could inquire as to the owner's interest in selling the development rights to the acreage. To attempt arriving at a dollar value on the acreage it would be important to know how developable the property actually is, that is, how many and how large are the potential lots.**
 - b. Cromwell Farm – The sisters own 113 acres of the farm some of which is farmland assessed. The sisters need additional building space and are interested in maintaining the cemetery. There is a meeting scheduled on 5/19**

with the business manager. The consensus of the committee was there is a high level of interest in pursuing this property.

- c. **Phoenix House Preservation Grant** – Mr. Connolly has an application in process to pay for a study that would detail the repairs necessary to the Phoenix House.
- d. **Committee Membership** – Still looking for volunteers.

9. New Business – None.

10. Other Business –

- a. **Outdoor Dining** – Mr. Topping commented that he was against any outdoor dining and that all outdoor dining requests should be treated as an exception to a total ban.

11. Adjournment – Mr. Debuvtz moved, Mr. Slutsky seconded and all approved we adjourn at 8:25 PM.

- a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7/10/2014, at 7:00PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel E. Spradell". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.