

Minutes of Meeting of Open Space Commission
January 20, 2010

Attending: Greg Finger (Chair), Carole LeFevre, Laura Wong-Pan, Mike Boylan, Kathy Hudson, Marc Moran.

Discussion of the Federal grant and the source of the remaining 50% of the funding for the Kiernan project. Greg reported that it was unclear from Open Space Institute (OSI) whether they were providing the additional 50% of the funds, and OSI may not make that decision until its Board meeting that takes place on or about March 10, 2010.

Greg advised that we need to complete the ranking for the round, so that we can inform the Town Board at the appropriate time as to how Kiernan ranked in relation to the other applicant, Hess.

Mike Boylan asked how we can support the application for the Kiernan farm without knowing how it ranks in relation to the Hess Farm. Per Kathy Hudson, on the application OSI will represent that it has the resources to cover the balance, but in reality OSI is not committing those funds until its next Board meeting in March. We should know by the end of February 2010 as to how the application ranks compared to other applications.

Minutes of 1/6/2010 – approved by the Commission. Discussion of a “restricted use” appraisal, which is not a full appraisal. Discussion that OSI needs Town support for its application, and that the application will have higher ranking with Town support. Marty Kiernan has committed to pay for a full appraisal.

Greg reported about the Town Board meeting of Jan. 12, 2010. The Town Board accepted the Resolution supporting the application by OSI. Greg distributed the text of the letter indicating the Town Board’s support. Town Board has not committed any funds, and will not make a new decision without an updated appraisal, and one is currently being prepared.

Mike Boylan asked if Marty Kiernan has given a bottom line number. Kathy reported that the restricted use appraisal will be done by the end of the month and he will have a copy.

Joint meeting with New Paltz Open Space Commission: Greg reports there is an open invitation to attend the meeting on February 10, 2010 at 7pm.

Application Evaluation Criteria was distributed, which reflect changes that were made most recently. 1.3(a) and (b) were combined, and the criteria at 3.3 was refined terminology to reflect DEC classification of water bodies. Section 6.1 was clarified to separate committed and identified funding sources. The members agreed to adopt the Evaluation Criteria as its ranking for calendar year 2010.

Discussion of the application evaluation criteria, and comparison of Kiernan and Hess farms. Kathy Hudson noted that Hess had approximately 64% of prime and statewide important soils and Kiernan has 84% of prime and statewide important soils.

1. Approval of 1/6/2010 meeting minutes
 2. Report on OSI application re: Kiernan; TB action on 1/12/2010
 3. Adoption of Application Evaluation Criteria
 4. Joint meeting with New Paltz OSC on 2/10/10
 5. Hess and Kiernan rankings
 6. Other business
- Date for next regular meeting