



TOWN OF NORTH SALEM
WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Town Hall, North Salem, NY 10560

TOWN of NORTH SALEM, NY
Open Spaces Committee Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007
Supervisor's Conference Room, Delancey Hall

The meeting of January 11, 2007 was called to order and attendance was as follows:

Present: Thomas Belcastro, *Chairman*
Martin Aronchick, *Member*
Andrew Brown, *Member*
Patricia Carey, *Member*
Lynn DeGregorio, *Member*
Peter Nardone, *Guest*
Siobhan O'Kane, *AKRF Consultant*
Elaine Sweeney, *Member*
Graham Trelstad, *AKRF Director*

Absent: William Butler, *Member*
Barbara Jacobi, *Vice-Chairwoman*
Janice Will, *Secretary*
Megan Callus, *Executive Director, NSOLF*

A quorum having been established, the meeting commenced with an introduction of the new members. Effective with this gathering, the committee will consist of eight (8) voting members, including the Chair. In attendance at each meeting will be a member of the AKRF consulting firm who, while not a voting member, will participate at each of the meetings and serve as our consultant and advisor. The funds to pay AKRF have been budgeted for and, as time goes by, I will keep the committee advised as to the amounts spent for their critical support in our effort. The services they provide will include requests for information, government and private services/support available to us, studies, to name a few. We will continue to have legal counsel provided to us from the firm that represents the Town; namely, Baroni, Reilly and Lewis,

It was determined that the committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless circumstances warrant a lesser frequency. A time and or date change will be communicated via e-mail or telephone. We will continue to use the Supervisor's conference room as our meeting space. A refreshed directory of members showing their current residences and contact information will be published shortly and will include e-mail addresses as well as names and addresses of our AKRF consultancy and the Executive Director of the NSOLF.

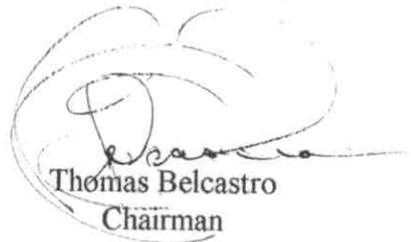
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The recent purchases/dedication of the Bloomerside, Purdys Ridge (Mullin) and Elcan properties were discussed. The acquisition of these properties, working in partnership with NSOLF, represent a marked Town achievement in our open space effort.

The concentration of this first meeting was housekeeping, getting the committee re-organized and setting a tone for our future efforts. Some philosophy was discussed and a focus on establishing our goals and methodologies for the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m with the next meeting being scheduled for February 14, 2007.

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Thomas Belcastro
Chairman

cc: TNS Town Board