

TOWN OF LEWISBORO

Open Space and Preserves Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Eric Swarthout, Chair	Jim Berenson
George Scott	Priscilla Schaefer
Steven Morowitz	Callie Bauer
Rose Bonanno	Mike Surdej

Guests:

Nicole Caviola, Rec Supervisor

Agenda Topics

Meeting called to order by Chair Swarthout at 7:06pm

Public Comment Period - None

Old Business

1. Report on National Trail's Day – June 3rd, 2023 – Leon Levy Preserve (Mr. Scott and Mr. Morowitz)
About a dozen participants
2. Report on GIS User Group Meeting – May 18th at SUNY Purchase. (Chair Swarthout)
3. Report on Mission Statement revision. (Ms. Bonanno and Ms. Schaefer). Work will continue with another draft for next meeting.
4. Wallace property – site visit – TBD.
5. Eagle Scout Projects – any takers – None at this time
6. Preserve Reports, see attached.

New Business

1. 68 East Ridge Road Trail (Ms. Bauer). Ms. Bauer to reach out to several neighbors to discuss.
2. Mapping Conservation Easements – Chair Swarthout to reach out to planning/Town Clerk to discuss what records are maintained.
- 3.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 7:00 PM

Town House
11 Main Street
South Salem, NY 10590

NOTE: NO AUGUST MEETING

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 PM.

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Preserve Reports

Brownell

- All trails open. Regular trimming back of the invasive barberry and grasses is needed in this property and we are keeping up with it as well as with the steady stream of blowdowns - thanks to Jim B, volunteer Patrick M and myself. Thanks also to Jim B for giving volunteer Patrick a new volunteer hat!

- When approaching from the west, the preserve's sign is practically invisible due to the growth of foliage along the side of Route 138 (bamboo).

- Following-up on my request for (cedar?) posts to mount trail blazes where the ash trees have fallen, taking our trail blazes with them - I would ask for 10 such posts with six of them needing to be placed as soon as is practical.

- Boardwalk update - I have not been able to connect with the one homeowner whose land we might have used transport building materials. Mike S and I discussed some possible start dates for ferrying the lumber from the preserve's parking lot to the building site. Mike S can represent this at the meeting. Material move to start week of 6/26

Falcon Ridge

Fox Valley

Old Field

Kiosk Status – Template done, need materials.

JJ Community Trail

Town Park

Kiosk Complete.

The steps at the beginning of the Blue trail were doing their job but the large rocks used to fill the wooden frames were encouraging the development of a trail parallel to the new steps.

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The Blue Trail relocation is being used and looks good.

The new water bars and check dams on the blue trail back by the horse farm are holding up well.

I am exploring getting a volunteer crew to remove the Winged Eunymous at the junction DH(WPR) and the Blue Trail (LTP)..It is still young and if it can be removed would be nice. We are also advertising on the NYNJ trail Conference site and trying for 7/9.

Leon Levy

South Salem FD requested map for rescue operations, PDF to be sent.

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Materials for two new bridges on site, need to coordinate labor