BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 2012 MINUTES

Salute to the flag.
Ms. Beck-Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Beck-Clemens [x] Cooper [x Jacques [A] Franklin [x] Schaefer [x]
Spingler [x] Stout [x] Tucker [A]

The chair stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) is a committee by Ordinance.
Chairperson Beck-Clemens asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27th meeting. That motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer and seconded by Mrs. Spingler. A voice vote was taken and this motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business:

1. Ness Property and Camp Endeavor. The committee read the recommendations given by Planning Board Chairman, Don Speeney. Mr. Speeney suggested that Open Space and Recreation Plan should be updated as it was last done in 2006, with much of the input from 2005. Also, the 2011 Master Plan was just updated and it would be "timely and consistent for these documents to mesh". This is consistent with the OSAC plans.
   a. Chairman Speeney also suggested that the Camp Endeavor property be transferred to the school board. Mr. Franklin stated that the Board of Education is not interested in this property.
      a. The condition of Camp Endeavor remains to be a safety issue, as the fallen tree on the fence has yet to be cleared.
   b. Councilman Franklin said that the Mayor has not yet formed the Ness Committee.
      a. Ms. Schaefer mentioned that she spoke to the Mayor and she will be on the new committee when formed. Note: she was on the former Ness Committee.
   c. Councilman Franklin remarked that Mr. Herits has a plan in place for the Ness property.

3. Re-examination of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (the Plan) of 2006.

The committee will contact Mr. Mark Healy of Heyer& Gruel Staff Planners to access the scope and cost of updating the Plan. We are awaiting his report.

4. It was decided at this time, the polling the public on the uses of the Ness property is premature.

New Business:

1. The OSAC will request paper copies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan be made for each member.

2. The committee is researching the most updated Open Space properties in town.

Public Forum:

There was no one from the public at this meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of Mayl 21 at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dianna Beck-Clemens