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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 12, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Bob MacGregor, and Rosey VanWart.

Gail Simpson was absent.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor and seconded by Mrs. Antonucci to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting.

**APPLICATIONS**

**2 Hageman Court**

A review and discussion took place regarding a submission to build a 3-bedroom house at 2 Hageman Court. The property is in an R-80 Zone and is 2.25 acres, much of which is steep slopes with a major wetland. It appears that construction will only be able to take place on about ½ the property. A question came up as to whether they even meet the zoning requirements. In addition, the Committee would like to see a more detailed list of the trees that are going to be removed and although minimal, there should be a proposal for planting natives. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

**125 Mahopac Avenue**

The Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal to construct an inground pool at 125 Mahopac Avenue. It appears that the placement will be on the only dry section of the property, however, the Committee wants to know where the water will discharge from the French drain. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

**North Edge Realty**

Last month, a review and discussion took place regarding the submission for North Edge Realty. This property is adjacent to NYSDEP property through which flows the Muscoot River. So, while the property isn't particularly sensitive it lies adjacent to important habitat. It also appears to be wooded, but because there is

no existing conditions site plan, the Committee does not know the extent of forestation. Hence, the following species may occur on the property that are federally and NYS listed: northern long-eared bat (federally and NYS endangered), wood turtle (NYS special concern), woodland box turtle (NYS special concern). There may well be others, but these immediately stood out as the Open Space Committee has expressed concern for their protection regarding other site proposals in this area as well as in the Town as a whole. The Committee will certainly want to time tree removals to minimize impact on the bat population. The omissions of these species also would indicate that the Full EAF is incorrect regarding items o, p, and possibly q (if there is fishing at that location in the Muscoot) for section E2. The Committee also wants to see a tree inventory and removal plan, with species and dbh indicated, and will also want to review details of the storm water plans as well as matters such as curbing, erosion controls, inlet gratings and their apertures.

Another review and discussion of an updated submission took place this evening. The only response to the aforementioned indicates that a full tree removal inventory is not required, however the Committee disagrees. The Committee looks forward to responses to their other concerns. Another memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

### **Old Business**

#### **Two New Local Laws for Consideration**

Mrs. Simpson shared some information on local communities wanting to adopt local laws to prevent use of chemicals and pesticides, and Mrs. Schirmer shared information about banning gas powered leaf blowers. All were asked to research and think about these two propositions further for discussion at the April meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **July Meeting Date**

Mrs. Schirmer has a conflict for July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and all agreed to meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> instead.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Assessor