

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2026

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

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. MacGregor and seconded by Mr. Barnhart to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2026 meeting.

APPLICATIONS

20 Putney Road

At their April monthly meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal for an inground swimming pool at 20 Putney Road. Although the Committee was pleased that native plantings will be used, there was no indication as to what species make up the rows of plantings that extend along the property lines on either side of the house and pool area. It was also suggested that perhaps a rain garden might be a feasible alternative to the proposed storm water infrastructure as it appeared that there was enough room for one. A memo was sent to the Planning Board.

This evening, the Committee reviewed and discussed a second submission for 20 Putney Road from the Planning Board. The Committee doesn't have any further comments and appreciates the addition of pervious pavers, native plantings, though questions why a rain garden couldn't substitute for the proposed Cultec infiltrators to manage storm water from the French drain surrounding the patio area.

A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

265 Route 202

Mr. Barnhart attended a Technical Committee meeting regarding Honeybee Grove located at 265 Route 202 in the Business Historic Preservation District. The Committee received a submission from the Planning Board. They were happy that no pesticides or chemicals will be used in the garden areas. There were no comments or concerns. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

Old Business

Proposed Partial Ban on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

A memo was sent to the Town Board proposing a partial ban on gas powered leaf blowers was prepared. The Committee was asked to attend the June 4th Town Board Work Session for a review and discussion. Mr. Barnhart attended and represented the Committee. The Town Board appreciated the information presented. Perhaps creating a Resolution to propose a County-Wide partial ban should be considered. This item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

New Business

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

cc: Open Space Committee
Town Board
Town Clerk
Town Assessor