December 8, 2022

On November 17th the Open Space Committee met. Members of the committee present included Mary Jude Foley, Sheree Cramer, John Greaves and myself. Our guest at the meeting was, Haley Balcanoff, from Capital District Regional Planning Commission. Haley is always very helpful and informative.

It was strongly decided the need to complete our NRI or Natural Resource Inventory. The NRI is a collection of maps and descriptions of natural areas and provides a reference for planning in our community. Our town has over two dozen maps that need updating. This Natural Resource Inventory will also assist our goal for a Climate Smart Community, which we are working towards. We recommend the two committees (Climate Smart and Open Space) meet together which will help kick start a long overdue new Comprehensive Plan.

Our neighbors in East Greenbush and Poestenkill have completed this process already.

The board must pass a resolution allowing the use of Green Space money, which is available in our budget.

Hopefully, this can begin in January at our organizational meeting. We passed a local law on a moratorium last month regarding multiple dwellings now we need to do more regarding open spaces. It is time to do more for the future of our Town.

Thank You, Councilman Jack Rogers

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