

## **Killingworth Open Space Committee Meeting (via GoToMeeting)**

**Oct. 17, 2022**

### **Minutes**

Members Present: Aaron Dollar, Heather Greenaway, Michael Parahus, Stephanie Warren, Clark Judge. First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

No visitors were present, so no public comments were made.

C. Judge updated the group on the Deer Lake situation, including terms of its sale and an upcoming Oct. 30 open house at Deer Lake. The event will be hosted by Pathfinders, Inc., the nonprofit that purchased the 255-acre property from the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts for \$4.75 million. That deal included \$3 million in cash, with the remainder in two low-interest loans that Pathfinders would like to retire as soon as possible. N. Gorski said she would try to put together a list of talking points for state politicians who expressed support so that they “are aware of what’s going on,” while S. Warren asked if possibilities exist for available grants. C. Judge said they do. Upon request, N. Gorski said she would contact Ted Langevin, chairman of Pathfinders, Inc., for more information.

There was further discussion on the Route 80 and Fox Run properties included in the September board meeting, with N. Gorski saying it would be “a good have” to conserve the Route 80 parcels. The properties, which comprise approximately 27 acres, are owned by the town. Geoff Picard – former chair of the Open Space Committee – once suggested they be designated as open space to protect them in perpetuity. However, two of the properties already appear to be designated as such. N. Gorski suggested that A. Dollar meet with Picard to gain further details of the parcels and send an e-mail to the Town Assessor’s Office to ascertain if any of the properties are designated as open space.

A brief discussion of two parcels off Beaver Dam Road (27-56AX and 27-56AY) closed the meeting, with talk of potentially transferring the property to the Killingworth Conservation for Land Trust. No action was taken.

The next meeting therefore is schedule for Monday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. (EDT) via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark V. Judge Jr.

Committee Secretary