

BETHLEHEM LAND TRUST BOARD MEETING
Minutes—January 8, 2014

Present: Lynn Baker, Mary Hawvermale, Doug Mahard, Jean Melita, Mark Miller, Beverly Mosch, Stuart Rabinowitz, Sandra Ruzicka, Carol Spier, Bob Ueberbacher;

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

Secretary's report: The December 2013 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The nearly final auction results show (in rounded numbers):
receipts: \$25,654
expenses: \$9,698
net proceeds: ±\$16,000

Our current assets total (combined accounts) \$179,676; our liabilities at present are \$1,827.58 property taxes for the Sherlock house and \$20,000 remaining on the Canfield mortgage.

Our membership is now somewhat greater than 100; this is a very positive increase.

Old Business:

Cabbage Lane Property: Bev will call the owner of the two lots we looked at several years ago so that we can have some idea of her current asking price and put that information into the mix as we plan overall our immediate and long-range goals.

Canfield/Meghani Land Swap: Mary will follow through with Gary Giordanno to determine the appropriate way to redraw boundaries so the strip of Canfield land along the eastern edge of the Meghani's property can be exchanged for an equal area along the southern edge. Bob Hanahan has agreed to handle the legal aspects of the swap.

New Business:

Planning goals: We have accomplished much in the last couple of years. It is time to review the Strategic Plan, set goals for the coming year, and revise the Strategic Plan as appropriate; doing this will enable us to move forward in a manner that is both informed and aspirational, following the processes of good governance as we do so. We will discuss specifically at the February board meeting.

Assorted fundraising and communication ideas:

Auction 2014: We must devise a way for table reservations to include names of all attendees requiring bidder numbers.

Newsletter: We'll do another edition in the near future.

Visibility: We could consider selling note cards with photos of our properties (which we give away at the auction) at the Bellamy Ferriday gift shop and elsewhere; we can easily create more versions. We could have a photography show at the Thomaston Savings Bank.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 . . . all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Spier