

**BETHLEHEM LAND TRUST BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes—April 8, 2015**

**Present:** Lynn Baker, Mary Hawvermale, Doug Mahard, Jean Melita, Mark Miller, Beverly Mosch, Stuart Rabinowitz, Sandra Ruzicka, Carol Spier, Bob Uberbacher.  
Guests: Dan Carlinsky, George McCleary, Kate Eren

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's report:** Tax return preparation is underway and on course to meet the May 15 filing date. Our funds are sufficient for immediate needs; Bob plans to consolidate a couple of our accounts.

**Old Business:**

**Email outreach:** Dan Carlinsky spoke of the value and ease of using email to share news with BLT members and friends and urged us to begin doing this. He is not familiar with the services such as Constant Contact. Lynn and Carol will research.

**Dinner/auction:** Kate Eren introduced herself; her professional work includes participation in various promotional social events so she has lots of ideas as well as enthusiasm for heading the auction committee. She will meet with Stuart and Carol to become familiar with what we've done in the past and begin plans for the next event.

**Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden Events:** George McCleary explained that Connecticut Landmarks is eager to make the House & Garden more prominent and see it involved in and with the Bethlehem community, so the events there are becoming more exciting. George explained plans for the upcoming Fairy Day (May 16) and Monarch Butterfly Day (June 20), in both of which BLT will participate. Also, on August 22 or 29 there will be a butterfly tagging event.

**Potential BLT office:** Frontier Communications (formerly AT&T) has responded to outreach from Jean and Stuart about possibly donating the unused building next to their switching station on Main Street South to us, acknowledging our interest, and has asked for more information about us. Stuart or Jean will follow up.

**GIS Mapping:** A motion was made and approved for Mary to purchase a laptop computer and related gear to enable the GIS mapping of our properties. Also, she will explore grants that may be available to assist with this.

**New Business:**

**Cleanup Day:** There will be a town-wide cleanup day on either April 18 or 25 (to be determined, pending which date the Town Crew wishes to conduct it) and BLT will participate. We have bags left from last year.

**Sherlock lease:** We agreed to renew the lease at the current rate.

**Garlic Festival:** We agreed to share a table with the Conservation Commission at the Festival next fall (one day only).

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

**Respectfully Submitted:** Carol Spier