

BETHLEHEM LAND TRUST BOARD MEETING
Minutes—July 9, 2014

Present: Emily Eisen, Mary Hawvermale, Doug Mahard, Jean Melita, Mark Miller, Beverly Mosch, Stuart Rabinowitz, Sandra Ruzicka, Steve Sabatini, Carol Spier, Bob Ueberbacher;

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report: The May 2014 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: We have enough money in the operating account to cover the Sherlock property taxes.

Old Business:

Sherlock house: Mary will follow up with Lynn to see if the downed gutter over the kitchen and also some exterior door locks were replaced by the tenant's son; we have not yet been invoiced for the materials.

Three potential easements: We are working with three property owners to create easements that would be given to the BLT. One is close to complete, one is in the early conversation stage, one is midway along, with Mary helping the owner work with the State.

Trees: Nineteen of the large trees donated to the town last fall by Planters' Choice Nursery have survived. The Town is not able to plant them but has hired Eric Nelson to do so. Two will be planted in the arboretum at Long Horizons. A motion was made and approved that the BLT will contribute \$500 to this planting, along with whatever sum Lynn donates in memory of her nephew Mat Meister.

Newsletter/Appeal Letter: We will do another combination newsletter/appeal letter, with a remittance envelope tucked inside. We discussed a variety of topics to include; Carol will create it (including acknowledgement of "in memoriam" donations) and talk to Vic Losure at Elm Press about printing it.

Dinner/Auction: Stuart is talking to three potential caterers and will circulate the info when he receives bids from all of them. He also will see if we can get into the Hall on the Thursday before the event to set up perimeter tables (N.B. we can).

New Business:

New stove for Memorial Hall: The commercial stove in Memorial Hall had to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Stuart and Bob estimate there are at most a dozen organizations that use the kitchen. As we use it for our Dinner/Auction it seems appropriate that we chip in. It was moved and approved that we contribute \$1,000. (That works out to \$100 for each year, including this year, that we have held the auction.)

Monitoring: Doug is planning to take a GIS course specific to land trusts, which will teach him how to locate property boundaries. (N.B. It's October 10th, in Kent.) Mary has taken it in the past and has a GIS unit. They hope to begin assembling GIS data for all the properties.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 . . . all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Spier