

BETHLEHEM LAND TRUST BOARD
Minutes—December 12, 2012

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Melita

Present: Lynn Baker, Mary Hawvermale, Jean Melita, Bev Mosch, Stuart Rabinowitz, Vera Rosa, Anneke Rothman, Sandra Ruzicka, Steve Sabatini, John Swendsen, Carol Spier, Bob Ueberbacher; Bob Hanahan.

Secretary's report: The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob gave a preliminary assessment of the November Dinner/Auction costs and proceeds. Expenses to date were approximately \$8,200; receipts were approximately \$20,500; net is ±\$12,300. Bob and Stuart expect the net to increase as more receipts come in. If it does, we will be ahead of the prior year.

Also, we need to reimburse Rose Petruzzi for the web site hosting fee and remove that responsibility from her credit card.

Old Business:

Land Acquisition:

Still Hill Property: The purchase closed Dec 5. Many thanks to Bev for shepherding this to completion and to Bob Hanahan, who provided the legal services. (After the meeting the board welcomed Marian and Earl Canfield to a celebration of this significant addition to our holdings.)

Auncient Oak: The tree itself is listed as a Notable Tree of Connecticut (where it is described as 255 inches in circumference, 72 feet tall). A motion was made and approved that the BLT will equally split the Brothers Tree Service \$1000.00 fee for cabling the tree with the Misavages, who are the owners of the property, for which we hold an easement.

Sherlock property: Lynn reports the neighbor has voluntarily removed the large tree that had been leaning dangerously over the Sherlock house.

Bellamy Preserve: We will leave the brush piles from the stone wall clearing until spring, at which time we will revisit options for removing or otherwise handling them.

Miscellaneous:

Receipts via Credit Card: Stuart reports we now are able to receive payments via credit card; he arranged to pay a flat \$78 annual fee for this service.

Doug Mahard will rejoin the board.

Fundraising: Steve suggests we contact money managers (not necessarily local or connected in any way to Bethlehem) to encourage them to suggest the BLT as a beneficiary of tax deductible donations their clients may need to make.

LaBonne's charitable largesse: The LaBonne's markets donate 10 percent of receipts to certain local nonprofits. Stuart has arranged for BLT to be among them. Save your LaBonne's receipts!

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 . . . all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Spier