



JOSHUA'S TRACT CONSERVATION AND HISTORIC TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

JULY 13, 2017, ATWOOD FARM, MANSFIELD, CT

Trustees present: Gail Bruhn, Warren Church, Ann Dunnack, Maggie Ferron, Doug Hughes, Carl Lindquist, Dave Parry, Betsy Paterson, Paul Pribula, Nancy Silander, Karen Zimmer

Executive Director: Michael Hveem

Also: Dan Donahue; David Allen (consultant)

Absent: Peter Andersen, Angelika Hansen, Marilyn Schreiber

K. Zimmer, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed David Allen, consultant, and Dan Donahue – Strategic Planning Committee member. She distributed the new business cards for all to use.

The minutes of the Trustee meeting of May 11, 2017 were approved unanimously as amended - change to "approve" the budget.

Nominations and Governance (Betsy Paterson)

The Nominations and Governance committee recommended to the Trustees the following motions:

MOTION (B. Paterson, N. Silander) – To appoint Michael Curtis as a Trustee, beginning immediately, with a term ending in 2020, subject to confirmation at the next annual meeting of the membership. Passed unanimously.

MOTION (B. Paterson, D. Parry) – To appoint Terry Wakeman as a Trustee, beginning immediately, with a term ending in 2020, subject to confirmation at the next annual meeting of the membership.

There are now 16 Trustees.

Development (David Parry)

Dave explained that the membership category names have changed, but the membership amounts remain the same. The committee is developing new categories for organizations and businesses for sponsorships.

The Development Committee recommended the following motion to the Trustees:

MOTION (D. Parry, N. Silander) – that Joshua's Trust will form a planned giving group to be called the Great Oak Society to recognize individuals and organizations who make a planned gift to the Trust including but not limited to land, bequests in a will, beneficiary of an IRA, etc. Anyone who has made such a gift in the past may be considered a member. Passed unanimously.

Finance (Gail Bruhn)

Gail reported that our Net ordinary income between July 2016 and June 2017 is \$78,283. The budget was (\$11,672) and the actual vs. the budget is \$189,955. Without a one-time bequest, the actual and budget would be very close.

MOTION (G. Bruhn, W. Church) – To change the signatories at Plimoth Investment Advisors for the A. Wolf Trust to Michael Hveem - Executive Director, Gail Bruhn -Treasurer, and Karen Zimmer – President. Passed unanimously.

MOTION (G. Bruhn, N. Silander) – To give Michael Hveem, Executive Director, the authority to identify and hire appropriate architects and engineers for the Grist Mill from the recommended list from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for up to \$10,000. Passed unanimously.
There is a 50% reimbursement from Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. They recommend hiring a structural engineer to determine what to focus on when applying for future grants for the mill.

Stewardship – Ann Dunnack

Paul Pribula and Julia Rogers are preparing new trail maps and re-formatting to be more user-friendly.
Discussion continues about the walk book up-date.

Acquisitions – Warren Church

The Acquisitions Committee met July 12 and recommended to the Trustees the following motions:

MOTION (W. Church, D. Parry) – To purchase the Carpenter property (1 acre) that is contiguous with the Burchell-Robinson property for the amount of \$6,000, contingent on a satisfactory title search. Passed unanimously.

The Trust will pay for an A-2 survey (from the acquisition fund). Eventually, we will need to put in a small parking area.

MOTION (W. Church, D. Parry) – To move forward with the Digiulio property (Coventry) – an easement on 26 acres on the Skunkamaug River. Passed unanimously.

The house lot will be excluded from the easement; the Digiulios will pay for long-term stewardship.

MOTION (W. Church, A. Dunnack) – To not move forward on the Boland (Chaplin) property. Passed unanimously.

MOTION (W. Church, N. Silander) – To not move forward on the Wadsworth (Mansfield) property. Passed unanimously.

Education and Outreach (Nancy Silander) – see report.

Executive Director (Michael Hveem) - see report

UConn is instituting along with the Trust a 4 credit volunteer program for students.

Andy has been given a goal of doubling volunteers by December, 2017.

Strategic Planning – Nancy Silander

David Allen and Nancy discussed the implementation of the proposed plan. Each goal has a champion who explained to the Trustees how they expected to begin implementation. It is expected to have annual up-dates in March so as to include any needed budget items in the proposed budget for the new fiscal year.

MOTION (N. Silander, A. Dunnack) – Let it be resolved that the Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust Strategic Plan Draft, dated July 1, 2017, be approved and adopted for implementation, and that staff and Board committees are hereby directed to address themselves to its goals and strategies. Passed unanimously.

It is expected that the strategic plan will be re-visited in 3-5 years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Silander

Secretary

Approved – September 14, 2017 (no corrections)