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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2014

Board Members Present: Bryden, Crooker, Hilzinger, Kasinskas, Marinaro, Mercugliano, Mertz, Schrumm, Slocum, Waldo & Wetmore

Members & Guests – 60

President Bryden called the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Cheshire Land Trust to order at 7:00 in Council Chambers at the Cheshire Town Hall. Her opening comments made note of the very successful year citing the completion of the barn at Ives Farm. She also invited members to the introductory Day at the Farm event to take place in September 2014.

MINUTES from annual membership meeting of March 14, 2013 were presented for acceptance.

Motion by Wetmore 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marinaro, motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dave Schrumm submitted for acceptance the Financial Report for the year ending 12/31/13 as presented in the newsletter of March, 2014.

Total Income: \$50,879; Total Expenses: \$109,161. Net income (58,282)

Assets: Investments & Bank Accounts: \$586,756. Total Equity \$8,794,544.

Comments: Membership Dues and contributions were up and investment income was up.

Expenses were very high because of the near 80,000 net expense of the barn construction. A full audit was completed by Budwitz and Meyerjack, the CLT is in full compliance with all requirements for a 501(c)3.

Motion by Slocum; To accept Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mertz, Motion Passed.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Proposed slate of officers presented by the Nominating Chair Kevin Wetmore for approval.

President	<b>Janice Bryden</b>		
Vice President	<b>Sam Waldo</b>	<b>Jim Mertz</b>	2014 - 2017
Treasurer	<b>David Schrumm</b>	<b>Rick Marinaro</b>	2014 - 2017
Secretary	<b>Amy Casavina Hall</b>	<b>Mark Kasinskas</b>	2014 - 2017

Motion to approve slate by Kevin Wetmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Slocum, Motion passed.

RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS:

**Youth Services Award:** President Bryden introduced CHS students, Thomas Arisco (senior) and Sean Fitzgerald (sophomore). They received citations for their work spanning three years as monitors at the Pelz Farm property.

**Ives Barn Project Award:** David & Sally Schrumm and Jim & Margie Mertz were honored with a commemorative plaque acknowledging their *above and beyond* efforts with the planning and completion of the barn at Ives Farm. The plaque will be installed at the barn.

**Ives Barn Citizenship Award:** Dave Schrumm acknowledged Ed Schweizer, recipient of this award, citing his help building the barn. Ed is a cousin to Krampitz's, (Archie & his sister Minnie) whose large monetary bequests have put CLT on a good financial footing.

### CLOSING REMARKS

President Bryden thanked the audience for attending the meeting and the honorees. She mentioned upcoming events and invited all to attend or help out with Stewardship Day scheduled for April 6, 2014 and the Trails Day walk slated for June 8, 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 by President Bryden

### PROGRAM

Vice-president Sam Waldo introduced Charles Dimmick to a large audience of attendees anxious to hear from him about the local geology. Dimmick is longtime Cheshire resident, certified professional geologist, retired CCSU educator, member of the Cheshire Inland Wetlands Commission since 1974, Grange member and all round good guy. He presented a slide show and talk entitled, **How did Cheshire become Cheshire?** which explained the town's and state's diverse and complex geology.