

Naromi Land Trust
Annual Meeting
July 8, 2011
Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse, Sherman CT

Directors Present: Bill Garrison (Treasurer), Chris Jellen, Dan Leary, Liz Mard, Bill McGoldrick, Stephanie Warren

Directors Absent: Marge Josephson (President), Michael Hertzberg (Secretary)

Staff Present: Amanda Branson (Office Manager), Hunter Brawley (Land Manager)

Members Present: Approximately 50

Stephanie Warren presided over the meeting, and welcomed the group.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the July 9, 2010 Annual Meeting as made available, by Helen Garrison, seconded by Bill McGoldrick, and passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Bill Garrison delivered the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011. Naromi has limited resources to carry out its responsibilities. Expenses were dominated by legal costs, staff, and insurance totaling \$100,000. Revenue of \$120,000 includes \$45,000 in realized capital gains. Without this extraordinary income, Naromi would have a deficit of \$25,000. Naromi has a debt of \$203,900 that comes due in December of 2011. Naromi will be hard pressed in the fiscal year 2012.

Election of Directors: Stephanie acknowledged the resignations of John Allen, Philip Korsant, and David Schneiderbeck during the past twelve-month period. The Board would like to thank them for their extraordinary service and regrets their departure. Stephanie presented the Class of 2014: Christopher Jellen, Elizabeth Mard, William McGoldrick all returning to the Board for another three-year term, and Chris Theodoros was nominated for his first three-year term. **Motion:** To elect the slate of Directors as presented, by Dan Leary, seconded by Bill Garrison, and passed unanimously.

Events: Naromi held several successful events during the past year including several hikes, volunteer days, our first organized cross-country ski/snowshoe trips and our first paddling trip. Naromi also held a celebration of Earth Day in April with a volunteer workday in the morning and a cocktail party in the evening.

Preserves: Naromi has been working to maintain its existing trails. Naromi is building a disabled-accessible Board walk at the Wimisink Wildlife Sanctuary. The boardwalk has been approved for a permit from the Sherman IWWC, but still has to get through zoning. A change is required in Sherman's current Zoning Regulations to allow this type of use. Naromi has submitted draft amendment language. A public hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2011. The new language is generalized and crafted to allow appropriate accessory uses on conservation land owned by a 501(c)3 organization.

Volunteers: Naromi is grateful to our dedicated core of volunteers for all the work that they do. In particular Naromi would like to thank;

- All those who have participated in Naromi events and workdays throughout the year!
- Chris Jellen, for leading and organizing many hiking trips, but especially the Paddle on Great Swamp;
- Dave Schneiderbeck, for leading the hike on CT Trails Day;
- Catharine Cooke, for re-designing the NLT office space;
- Robin Zitter, for her work on landscaping at Babbling Brook Farm;
- All those who volunteered at the Earth Day Party: Mel and Diana Bristol, Catharine Cooke and Ian Gribble, Margaret Cook, Ernie Dech, Kathleen Nelson, Amy Pietrowski, Victoria Taft, Ben Scanlon, John Allen, Stephanie Warren, Marge Josephson, and Liz Mard;
- Outgoing Board Members: John Allen, Vice-President, Director; Philip Korsant, Vice-President, Director; David Schniederbeck, Director.

Guest Speaker: Stephanie introduced the speaker for the evening, John Foley. Mr. Foley is a local naturalist and turtle enthusiast who presented “Life in a Shell,” a presentation on turtles and tortoises.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Branson
Office Manager