

Naromi Land Trust
Annual Meeting
July 13, 2012
Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse, Sherman CT

Directors Present: Bill Garrison (Treasurer), Ian Gribble, Chris Jellen, Marge Josephson (President), Dan Leary, Liz Mard, Chris Theodoros, Stephanie Warren
Directors Absent: Michael Hertzberg (Secretary), Bill McGoldrick,
Staff Present: Amanda Branson (Office Manager), Hunter Brawley (Land Manager)
Members Present: Approximately 65

Marge Josephson presided over the meeting, and welcomed the group.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the July 8, 2011 Annual Meeting as made available, by Helen Garrison, seconded by Stephanie Warren, and passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Bill Garrison delivered the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012. Naromi has limited resources to carry out its responsibilities. Expenses were \$153,000 against revenues of \$122,000. Naromi therefore had a deficit of \$30,000. Bill encouraged Naromi members to think of the future, consider if Naromi provides a valuable service to our community, and to contribute accordingly.

Election of Directors: Marge presented the Class of 2015: Ian Gribble, returning to the Board for another three-year term, along with John Foley, Jennifer Freed Rocky, Stan Greenbaum, Tom Joyner, and Alan Kaplan were all nominated for their first three-year terms. **Motion:** To elect the slate of Directors as presented, by Colette Shulman, seconded by Jill Finch and passed unanimously.

Events: Naromi held more than 20 events during the past year including hikes, volunteer stewardship workdays, its second paddling trip, and the Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting. Naromi also held its second annual celebration of Earth Day in April with a volunteer workday in the morning, hike in the afternoon and a cocktail party in the evening. More than 300 people participated in Naromi events in 2012.

Preserves: Naromi has focused on the ongoing restoration of Babbling Brook Farm. During the past year two failing culverts were removed from the streamcourse and a third was replaced with a more adequately sized culvert. Ongoing invasives eradication and native plantings continued with a large team of volunteers who dedicated a morning in April and planted more than 125 native riparian plants in a few hours. On other preserves Naromi has been working to maintain its existing trails, clearing downed trees and invasives and re-routing badly eroded sections. In the upcoming year, Naromi will be building a disabled-accessible Boardwalk at the Wimisink Wildlife Sanctuary. Naromi also has the design ready to build a safe parking area for hikers to gain access to the Towner Hill Preserve, if funding can be secured. Naromi also plans to continue its vibrant and successful eNewsletter and build its new Facebook page.

Guest Speaker: Marge introduced the speaker for the evening, Lauren Coyle. Ms. Coyle is a biologist who works at the Livingston Ripley Wildlife Conservancy in Litchfield CT. She brought three LRWC Avian Ambassadors, an Australian Wood Duck, a North American Wood Duck, and a Black-bellied Whistling Duck.

Respectfully Submitted,

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