

Naromi Land Trust
Annual Meeting
July 12, 2013
Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse, Sherman CT

Directors Present: John Foley, Jen Freed, Bill Garrison (Treasurer), Stan Greenbaum, Ian Gribble, Michael Hertzberg (Secretary), Chris Jellen, Marge Josephson (President), Tom Joyner, Liz Mard, Chris Theodoros, Stephanie Warren (Vice President)
Staff Present: Amanda Branson (Office Manager), Hunter Brawley (Land Manager)
Members Present: Approximately 80

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

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the July 13, 2012 Annual Meeting as made available, by Helen Garrison, seconded by Joe Keneally, and passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Bill Garrison delivered the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013. Naromi has limited resources to carry out its responsibilities, but Naromi was able to breakeven by the year-end. 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 noted that Bill McGoldrick and Alan Kaplan are both resigning from the Board and thanked them for their service and continued support of Naromi. Liz Mard presented the Class of 2016: Bill Garrison, Michael Hertzberg, Margery Josephson, and Stephanie Warren, returning to the Board for another three-year term. **Motion:** To elect the slate of Directors as presented, by Liz Mard, seconded by Tom Joyner and passed unanimously.

Events & Stewardship: Naromi held more than 20 events during the past year including hikes, volunteer stewardship workdays, educational presentations and the Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting. More than 550 people participated in Naromi events in 2013. The disabled-accessible Boardwalk at the Wimisink Preserve was completed after almost a decade of work. Marge recognized and thanked Hunter Brawley for his dedication in seeing the project realized. John & Masumi O'Donnell were recognized as Naromi's most active members over the past year. Marge highlighted the value that volunteers bring to Naromi's work and encouraged people to contribute both dollars and time.

Guest Speaker: Marge introduced the speaker for the evening, Ray Crawford of the Backyard Bee Keepers Association. Mr. Crawford kept the audience engaged as he spoke about pollinators of all kinds, particularly honey bees, and the pressures they face.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Branson
Program/Office Manager