

Minutes: FOBC Annual Meeting

August 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by president Sue Barnett at the home of John and Patricia Adams. The slate of officers is as follows: President, Sue Barnett; vice president, Joan O'Conner, treasurer, David Barnes; corresponding secretary, Jane Sokolow; recording secretary, Steve Levine; members at large: Patricia Adams, Virginia Lawrence and Joni Wehrli. All were approved for reelection.

The minutes of 2015's meeting were approved after being sent out this year to all members through the FOBC web site.

The treasurer's report was read by David Barnes as follows: **As of 8/5/16 -- \$3,889 account balance (compared with \$5,492 at 8/7/15). Revenue for the year of \$607 (Dues and book sales and honey sales) plus \$1,000 contribution for the church. Expenses for the year \$77 for website, \$2,000 to OSI for covered bridge landscaping after completion, \$1,000 pass-through to the church, and \$133 in accountant and bank fees.** David also announced that the Catskill Art Society has been given a project grant from New York State of 1.5 million dollars with 250K committed for the River Walk

Jane Sokolow announced that a new directory will be published and asked that any changes in member's information be forthcoming and for new members to give her their contact information.

Report from Chris Andreola of the Rockland Planning Board

The Dollar General Store has been approved and construction is under way. A six month moratorium has been extended for 3 more months for any new projects

presented before the Board. The next Planning Board Meeting will be held December 12, 2016 and will cover the Dollar General strategy.

Report from Ramsay Adams, President, Catskill Mountainkeeper

Ramsay announced new initiatives encouraging the adoption of solar power in the county. Information was handed out and more can be learned by visiting <http://solarizesullivan.org/>.

Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development described the organization's mission and overview of their activities. John Thompson of the same organization described an ongoing project of attempting to eradicate Japanese knotweed from the Beaverkill Covered Bridge campsite. The project is being aided by interns.

Bridge report from John Adams and Eric Hamerstrom

The Beaverkill Covered Bridge project has been granted 2 million dollars from the Federal government and an additional 250K from the DEC. After the completion of the bridge restoration other projects will be asked of the Department of Transportation to restore to historical accuracy the approach to the bridge from both sides including the stoning up of the existing abutments to simulate the original condition as first constructed in the 19th century.

Patricia Adams announced that work by the historic survey committee is available to look at and asked for volunteers to form a garden committee for the Beaverkill Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Levine, recording secretary.

