

Minutes of the Friends of the Beaverkill 12 Annual Meeting, August 14, 2010

Location: The home of Virginia and Roger Lawrence

Officers

President: David Barnes
Vice President: Unfilled at the time
Recording Secretary: Steve Levine
Corresponding Secretary: Jane Sokolow
Treasurer: Sue Barnett
At Large: Patricia Adams and John Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm and presided over by David Barnes, President.

The minutes of last year's meeting was read by Steve Levine, recording secretary, and approved by Judith Katz and seconded by Mary Hall.

Treasurer's Report, August 2009 - July 2010:

Opening Balance = \$5844.00 ft

Dues - \$850
Extra Directories - \$8
Honey Sales (Church Upkeep - \$432
Campsite Rd. (Upkeep) - \$50

Book Sales (20 books sold by H&H, 2 by Patricia Adams) - \$990

Total Deposits - \$2330.00 Expenses:

2009 FOB Meeting - \$65 Web Site Hosting -
\$36 PO Box - \$40 M & T Bank - \$36

Total Debits - \$177 Closing Balance:

\$7997.00 Old Business

Report by Patricia Adams:

In this 12th year since the formation of the FOBC we have realized a greater awareness of the history of the Beaverkill region and have succeeded in preserving its integrity. The organization and its members should remain apolitical but be strong advocates of issues and causes affecting us such as positions on town plans and gas drilling. The Open Space Institute (OS1) has been instrumental in sound land management and keeping in check development that would negatively impact the area. The Beaverkill Covered Bridge has been placed on the Historic Register and other local landmarks should be studied for such consideration and possibly by college students who could conduct an inventory of sites for the purpose in the town of Rockland. It also must be ascertained if such designation may good or bad for the area.

Report by Pat Pomery:

Moves are afoot to declare Roscoe as a historical district in order to attract grants for restoration and maintenance of buildings, which is why the inventorying of such structures is important. Roscoe recently was the recipient of a \$50,000 award for the purpose. It is also noted that about 50% of our population is not counted due to the fact that they are second homeowners. Due to recent flooding events that have seriously impacted our area, flood management measures are being considered. Among these are rules covering logging and clear cutting of forests, declaration of overlay zones to contain water runoffs, home setback rules adjacent to bodies of water, increase from 2 to 5 acre zoning to lessen creation of impervious land surfaces and restriction of mowing along rivers and streams. These

proposals may be accessed on the web at HYPERLINK "<http://www.shepstone.net/rockland>"
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Report by Ramsay Adams/Catskill Mountainkeeper

The New York State Senate has approved a 9 month moratorium on further gas drilling and moved the hearing from Binghamton to Syracuse to accommodate a larger crowd and possible demonstrations by those opposed. Governor Patterson has issued a statement against hydraulic fracturing. Bruce and Ilene Jankelow have been instrumental in lobbying against the practice and whose efforts have led to the placement of 2 billboards on Route 17 near exits 99 and 111 against the practice. There are also 1500 "Drilling Isn't Safe" lawn signs and buttons that have been made and are available on request for a voluntary donation for the cause which will go to help counter radical overspending by the gas industry. It is also noted that the Beaverkill Covered Bridge campsite usage is at a maximum this season.

Report by John Adams:

It was announced that the "Barnfesf" at the Adams home was a great success and attended by more than 700 people and raised lots of money. The New School is looking for the possibility of opening a campus somewhere in the Catskills. The Open Space Institute is aggressively pursuing measures to clean up areas such as the Hodge/Clark gravel site and other measures to procure easements through lands to thwart detrimental development practices. The Beaverkill Covered Bridge has been placed on the Historical Register and efforts are underway to procure other sites as well such as the Covered Bridge Campsite. The barn at the Clear Lake meadow has been given a 40 year lease to the OSi and on the Historical Register. The option for similar consideration for the school house on the Prince Hall site has been dropped due to the expense of moving but is not yet out of the question.

Report by Mary Hall (for Steve Lott) concerning the Church:

Once again, the question of restoring the siding by either repainting or re-siding was discussed. It should not be replaced by vinyl siding but rather keep the wooden siding by either scraping and repainting at an approximate cost of \$8,000 or replace the siding with pre-primed new siding at an approximate cost of \$12,000. It was also suggested that a separate fund be set up for the purpose and possibly a grant from the Sullivan Renaissance be requested. A request for volunteers was made to groom the church gardens and grounds. Those agreeing to volunteer are: Patricia Adams, Mia Wilkenson, Mary Hall, Judith Katz and Steve and Michiko Levine.

Jane Sokolow and Ginny Lawrence: Communications and Web Site

The web site is generally underutilized and requests were made to contribute information and items of interest to our community such as the following: wildlife photos, weather related events, fishing reports, environmental issues, local notices and events, old photographs, home sales and all else that may affect our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Levine, recording secretary.