

Berlin Land Trust Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2011

Directors Present: Roland Baikal, Ray Bosso, George and Marilyn Brierley, Tom Heisler, Joe Porcaro, Carl and Martha Vernlund. **Member:** Sylvia Schindler.

Roland called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Secretary's Report: Approved on motion by Joe seconded by Tom.

Treasurer's Report: Over the summer, insurance renewal paid, also the accountant for the form 990, and Halloran and Sage LLP for legal fees incurred contesting the proposed sewer line extension for the Orchard Road development. The case was won. The renewal for our membership in the Land Trust Alliance also comes in summer. Most major annual expenses are done for the year. Long distance has been eliminated from our phone service as we were rarely using it. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Tom, seconded by George, passed.

Old Business: By Carrier, developer of parcel off Orchard Road, wants to meet with Dennis to discuss the BLT's concerns with their development.

Earl Wicklund donation: The land adjoins the town's Sage Park. There is some question as to whether the owners of homes on adjoining lots may have some pre-existing rights. These should be checked out: are any in deeds or are they just verbal implications, also would there be any conflict with BLT's having the land open to the public as is our usual policy. A motion was made that BLT accept the donation of 36 acres from Earl Wicklund subject to good title, tax lien is cleared up and public trails could be developed on it accessible from adjoining town (Sage Park) property, not from private property. Motion carried.

Programs and Publicity: The agreed on date for a hike on Short Mountain led by Karl Lewis is October 15. The starting time is 9AM, meeting at Timberlin Park Amelia Green Trail in the lower parking lot. Participants should wear appropriate shoes and bring water. A rain date and the hike's level of difficulty should be added to the website, press release and posters. Try to post any cancelation on website if time allows.

Cancelarini Award: The award was given out at BHS senior awards night.

Office Management: No new report.

Town Commissions: By Carrier plan for sewer extensions was denied. There were no new pertinent items on Inland Wetlands agenda.

New Business: Natural resources maps for land use decisions, etc. are available at www.CTECO.UCONN.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM on motion by George seconded by Carl.