Schoharie Land Trust Steering Committee minutes of 18 April 1991 meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Steering Committee was called to order by Ken Hotopp at 7:32 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on 18 April 1991.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elliott Adams

Catherine Harwood

Ken Hotopp

Steve

Larson

Eugene McCaffrey

Mary

Jo O'Donnel Dan Schuppel

Denis O'Sullivan Robert Smith

John Townsend Karl Westphal

Bob Smith came in and chaired the meeting from 7:44 . SELF DEVELOPMENT GRANT: A \$500 Self Development grant has

been received. Someone from the Land trust must be present for the presentation of the grant on 19 May 1991.

MINUTES of the 14 Feb 1991 meeting were approved. INCORPORATION: The Schoharie Land Trust has been incorporated since 21 February 1991!

Contributions can be accepted and are tax deductible through an

arrangement with the Catskill Center (checks should be made out to CCCD/Schoharie Land Trust). The first checks have cleared! John Townsend is now working on the Land Trust's tax status.

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE: It was agreed to join the Land Trust Alliance as soon as possible.

NEWS ARTICLES: There have been several news articles on the Land Trust. If members will clip the articles and get them to Elliott Adams(Box 195,Sharon Springs,13459), he will keep a file of them.

PRATTSVILLE: A report was given on Prattsville's vote to reject the idea of a new dam in their town. CASCADE, Box 36, Prattsville is spearheading the fight against the Power Authority and is in need of funds.

N.Y.C. DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: A letter, penned by Catherine Harwood, supporting the position of the 30 town water shed coalition was approved.

CONTRIBUTION: VECA made a generous contribution

to the Land Trust.

- SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT: Book marks (which were passed out) and coloring books have been ordered. A press release in cooperation with ASCS is planned and even a radio release is being considered.
- BROCHURE: The brochure is ready to go to press. CCDC will contribute \$200 toward the \$2000 cost of the brochures.
- GAS PIPELINE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM: As part of the proposed new gas pipeline agreement the gas line company will setup a fund of money to be spent within the towns

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the pipeline passes through (Wright, Schoharie, Esperance, Carlisle). A Committee will review plans to spend these funds, the towns will be encouraged to submit proposals. Eugene McCaffrey suggested that the Land Trust submit a proposal by which the Trust would accept offers from land owners to sell development rights. The trust would then evaluate these offers (which would include a price), on a cost/benefit ratio. Finally a determination would be made based on potential importance to the public of the easements, cost of the easement and funds available. Some towns have expressed a general interest in supporting this idea and in having the Trust take the lead role. The funds must be committed by Sept. 1st. It was agreed that Eugene McCaffrey should work in the name of the Trust to develop such a plan and to contact the Towns to get their further support.

HUMBACH PRESENTATION: a report on preparations.

Personal contact should be made with the planning boards to encourage them to attend.

Ken Hotopp to contact Cobleskill Mary Jo O'Donnel to contact Schoharie Elliott Adams to contact Sharon Denis O'Sullivan to contact Village of Schoharie

A nominal \$50 contribution to Humbach to cover some

of his expenses was approved. Dan Schupple will provide a Video Recorder for Denis O'Sullivan to record the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Meetings have previously been set up for 18 April, 16 May & 20 June 7:30 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill.

ANNUAL MEETING: The first annual meeting was set for 16 May 1991, 7:30 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill. Officers and Directors will be appointed.

MINUTES of the 17 Jan 1991 meeting were approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Karl Westphal, gave a status report. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Elliott D. S.

Adams

Recording

Secretary, pro tem.