

Schoharie Land Trust Steering Committee
minutes of 14 November 1990 meeting

The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Steering Committee was called to order by Bob Smith at 8:04 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on Wednesday 14 November 1990

Members present:

Elliott Adams	Deloris
Cooper	
Carroll Garner	
Dorothy Garner	
Ken Hotopp	
Dan Kelly	
Ken Leaycraft	
Eugene McCaffrey	
Mary Jo O'Donnel	Carl
Sand	
Sandra Scouten-Ford	Robert
Smith	
John Townsend	Amy White

MEMBERSHIP: It was agreed to establish a \$15 voting membership, additionally the Board of Directors will establish some higher levels of contribution.

BROCHURE: It was agreed that work should go forward on a brochure describing the Schoharie Land Trust.

DISCUSSION: This was a general discussion of the pitfalls and potentials, and innovative ideas for land trusts, including the following:

-two interlocked agencies, one a 501-c-3 and one a 501

-c-2

-need to look at the farm practices on land held by trust -it is costly to maintain an easement

-"transfer tax" a tax on the rapid turn over of land -Vermont funnels transfer tax revenues into land trusts -American Farmland Trust will hold any land or easements

for Schoharie Land Trust until it is incorporated and has its tax exempt status

-family can contribute a farm to a Trust and

have a lease for themselves and their
progeny as long as they farm
-municipalities purchase easements and give
them to a trust to administer
-small acreage could be leased for "new wave
farming" -"Agribucks" a local currency sold
at 90% of face value
in the spring redeemable at full value for
produce in fall

LIBRARY: Schoharie Law Library will make space
available for land trust information. The
consensus was that other libraries would be
more accessible. Perhaps each library should
have a small file on land trusts.

CATSKILL CENTER is sending information on fund
raising.

DEC ADVISORY BOARD lost all funding since the
environmental bond act was turned down

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NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next
meeting will be on 12 Dec 1990 from 8pm to
10 pm at the Cooperative Extension Office
in Cobleskill.

MINUTES of the 10 October 1990 meeting were
approved. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned
at 10:05pm.

Elliott D. S. Adams
Recording Secretary,

pro tem.