



**PLUMTREES SCHOOLHOUSE &
LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, 20-April-2009
7:00pm**

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK**

PRESENT: Chairman, Leroy Staib, Trisha Lewis, Charles Hurd, Charles Steck, and David Morgan

ABSENT: Edwin Rockwell

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman, LeRoy Staib called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Copies of a letter from Town Attorney Hagan were distributed. The members reviewed the letter and discussed the contents under agenda items Open House and by-laws.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 16, 2009.

T. Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by D. Morgan to accept the minutes with one amendment. The Date of the Minutes approved is amended to be February 17, 2009. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

The account balance as of 20-April-09 was \$-292.58 . There were no additions or subtractions.

C. Hurd arrived at 7:22 pm

New Business

- 1.) **Work Party:** The Committee discussed the work to be done prior to holding the open house. Those members who are available will meet at the Schoolhouse on Monday, 27-April-09 to begin the final items of the restoration and begin cleaning. C. Steck requested that a detailed inventory of all items be completed at this time. Further he requested that several members of the committee keep a copy as well as file it with the Town Clerk. Chairman Staib reported that Greco Industries of Bethel has agreed to make and donate brass tags for the desks and other items in the Schoolhouse. The tags will identify who donated the item.
- 2.) **Discussion of open house:** As indicated in Atty Hagan's Letter, the Open House would be covered by the town's insurance. The Committee discussed the invitation

list, promotion, and activities to be included. T. Lewis reported that she has been working with those in charge of the BHS Alumni Association to locate records of Plumtrees School house attendees. At this time they have not located any records. The search continues. Chairman Staib will ask the BHS Alumni Association to include the date in their next newsletter. Chairman Staib also asked that each committee member bring a list of any Alumni they know to the next meeting.

D. Morgan made a motion which was seconded by C. Steck to hold the Open House on Sunday 16-Aug-09. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

- 1.) Discussion of proposed by-laws: In opening the discussion of the By-laws of a not-for-profit corporations which the committee intends to form, Chairman Staib reminded the committee that the purpose of this corporation would be the protect the contents of the schoolhouse and to establish a Historical Easement on the Schoolhouse. A discussion of the by-laws took place. Members of the committee had questions for Atty. Hagan on the following items:
 - a. Make-up and qualifications of the Board of Directors. Is it too restrictive?
 - b. Insurance for Officers/Corp Agents. Is it necessary, how would it be funded?
 - c. The states power over the corporation. Can the state take over the corporation and/or dissolve it?

D. Morgan made a motion which was seconded by C. Steck to invite Atty. Hagan to attend the next meeting of the Committee to answer these questions in detail with the members. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on the agenda, C. Steck made a motion, which was seconded by D. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Shani Burke Specht,
Recording Secretary