

**PLUMTREES SCHOOLHOUSE &
LANDMARK PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, 15-June_2009
7:00pm**

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman, LeRoy Staib called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and led all present in the Pledge of Alliance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

D. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by C. Steck to add the Approval of the 26-May-09 Special Meeting to the agenda. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved

D. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by E. Rockwell to accept the minutes. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Continue discussion regarding By-Laws: The members of the committee discussed and made suggestions and/or raised questions for the Town Attorney, Hagan.
 - a) Article 1: Accept as presented
 - b) Article 2: correct typo in para 1, line 3
 - c) Article 3.7: Add the following
 - (1) “Prior approval by a majority vote of the board is required before said expenses will be reimbursed.”
 - d) Article 3.10: The committee would like further clarification on the following item which pertains to vacancies: “Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, as permitted by and in accordance with the laws of this state.
 - i) What are the state laws that effect the removal of Directors?

- ii) Please explain the mechanism for removing a director “without cause”
 - iii) Should the By-laws define cause?
- e) Article 3.10: Delete the existing qualifications and replace as follows, “person is a Bethel resident who has an interest in protecting the purpose of the Plumstrees Schoolhouse and its contents and agrees to uphold the Charter and these By-laws”
- f) Article 3.13:
- i) What are the state and local requirements for insurance for this type of corporations?
 - ii) Are there any gaps in the town liability coverage that should be considered?
 - iii) Is it sufficient to Bond the Treasurer? See #9 of Original Association by-laws.
- g) Article 4.1: Correct typo in line 3,
- h) Article 4.4: Delete “without cause” add with “just cause”
- i) Should “cause” be defined?

The remainder of the By-laws was reviewed without further changes or questions. Chairman Staib stated that he will take these suggested changes and questions back Atty Hagan for review and answer. This information will be distributed to the Committee Members and a Special Meeting will be called in approximated 2 weeks to finalize and vote to approve/reject the By-laws.

E. Rockwell suggested that the Town Atty. Hagan and the Committee should discuss the necessity of a formal agreement between the Not-For-Profit Corporation/Plumtress School Association and the Town of Bethel, to allow access and use of the Property and Buildings.

- 2) Vote to accept/reject By-laws
- a) A vote was not taken as per the discussion above.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Establish Charter for Plumtress Schoolhouse Association
 - a. Chairman Staib recommend the following as the Corporate Charter
*The Plumtrees School Association exists
to promote the preservation and protection of the Plumtrees Schoolhouse
and its contents.
to open the Plumtrees Schoolhouse for the children of Bethel and
surrounding towns.
to raise awareness of the residents of Bethel of the importance of this
historic structure and the impact of the one-room school to its citizens.*
 - b. E. Rockwell recommended adding the following
*Whereas the Town of Bethel owns the Plumtrees Schoolhouse building and the
property and is responsible for its upkeep, the Plumtrees School Association
shall notify the Town of Bethel when work is needed to keep the building and
property in good condition.*

Both suggestions will be brought to Atty. Hagan and discussed at the next meeting.

As there was no further business on the agenda, T. Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by D. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Shani Burke Specht,
Recording Secretary