

## Minutes of September 12, 2018 Meeting of PHP Trustees

Present: Marylou Schmidt, Richard Epstein, Ed Anthes, Betsy Whittaker, Elizabeth Catlin, Jerelyn Wilson, Zeke Goodband, Rachel Glickman, Maria Glabach.

Guest: Bill Schmidt

- Marylou called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- Minutes of May 26, 2018 were approved as written upon motion by Jerelyn and a second by Richard.
- Marylou submitted her resignation, effective at the end of the November meeting. She noted that all the record-keeping is up-to-date. Richard thanked her for her dedication and service.
- Marylou proposed Carolyn Mayo-Brown to fill the trustee vacancy. Carolyn is an avid hiker and user of Prospect Hill, and has strong administrative skills. She would be delighted to serve as a Trustee. Consensus from the trustees who know her is that she is an excellent choice, and should be invited to the November meeting. She can be appointed at the end of the meeting when Marylou's resignation takes effect.
- Ed reports that the trail is in good shape, and that logging planned for the adjacent property to the south will make a dramatic impact on southerly views. This logging is scheduled to be done before the Apple Pie Festival. Blueberries and grasses look good, buckthorn is growing on top and honeysuckle lower down. There is a work day scheduled for September 22.
- Bill reported that Jerry Hawkes of ForestSavers says that invasives could be controlled by twice-yearly use of a commercial grade brush-cutter. Bill suggested purchasing one, along with the necessary safety equipment, for no more than \$1500. Jerelyn moved to purchase a commercial grade brush-cutter for the purpose of controlling invasives on Prospect Hill. Richard seconded. After extensive discussion about liability, storage, finding volunteers to run the equipment, who should oversee training on the equipment, and whether the Town Road Crew might already have comparable equipment, Jerelyn's motion was tabled until the November meeting. In the interim, Zeke will speak to Lee to determine the Road Crew's ability and/or interest in doing the work.
- Next meeting is November 7, 2018 at 5:15
- With no other business, the meeting concluded at 5:45. Zeke moved to adjourn and Richard seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Catlin