

Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
Minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Membership
December 8, 2020

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the membership of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust was held via Zoom due to the gathering restrictions prevailing as a result of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. 39 members and four staff attended the meeting.

Welcome. Board Chairman Gilbert High called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He began by welcoming all those participating. As there were more than 20 members in attendance, a quorum was declared. Mr. High paid tribute to Hyland Johns and Walter VanBuren, two long-time former board members and Trust supporters who died this past year.

Secretary Report. Mr. Rowland presented the minutes of the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting, which upon motion duly made and seconded, were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: Mr. Rutherford presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending 6-30-2020. Mr. Rutherford also reviewed the sources of income and thanked the members for their generous support.

Nominating Committee Report: Mr. Rowland reported that the Nominating Committee had put together a slate of candidates to stand for election for a three-year term. The proposed Class of 2023 is comprised of Leigh Altadonna, Amy Baker, Amy Buick, Christopher Carr, Gilbert High, John Peterman and Paul Rutherford. All are presently serving on the Board of Directors. On motion duly made, seconded and approved, the slate of candidates was elected.

Program. Chris Mendel then gave a thorough report on the events and issues the Trust has been involved with this past year, including the Creek Road Trail, the ReForesters Program, beavers, mink and coyote, new plant finds, the 50th Anniversary, Robertson Endowment interns, new staff, educational programs and the need for volunteers.

Questions and Comments. There were several questions that were addressed following the program. Following, Mr. High again thanked the staff and board and Trust members for making the past year such a success and for the bright hopes that we all share for a thriving future.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Mr. High adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:

David B. Rowland
Secretary