

Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)
Annual Meeting
6:15 p.m. Maine Maritime Museum Long Reach Hall
April 9, 2016

DRAFT Annual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Steve August, Archie Bonyun, Dennis Dunbar, Betsy Ham, Sue McLeod, Nancy Milam, Dixie Stedman, John Swenson, Pam Tetley, Eloise Vitelli and Jack Witham

Members Absent: Bob Gravino, Becky Halbrook

Staff Present: Carrie Kinne et als.

1. Call to Order

In conjunction with the 2016 Annual Membership meeting, Dennis led the business meeting which included reports and the election of officers. A quorum of Board members was present.

2. Approved

- a. The minutes of the April 7, 2015 Annual/Business meeting were approved
- b. Steve August presented an overview of the financial status of the organization and a summary of the recently successful completion of the 2015 audit. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- c. Sue McLeod presented a summary of the activity to review and update the organization's Bylaws and to update the Articles of Incorporation and Mission Statement for consistency between the documents. Two separate votes were taken:
 - i. Acceptance of changes to the Bylaws as outlined
 - ii. Acceptance of minor changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Mission Statement as described

3. Approved: Election and renewal of directors:

- a. New: *3 Year Terms*
Susan Bateson
Reeve Wood
- b. Renew: *3 Year Terms*
Steve August
Dennis Dunbar
Bob Gravino
Becky Halbrook

4. Approved: Election of officers (by Board Members only vote)

President: Sue McLeod
Vice President: Betsy Ham
Treasurer: Steve August
Secretary: Dixie Stedman
Member at Large: Dennis Dunbar

5. Recognition

Executive Director Carrie Kinne recognized the service of departing Board member and KELT cofounder, Tom Barrington who has served the organization since 1968 and will continue as a member of the Governance Committee. She also recognized Dennis Dunbar who just finished his term as KELT's first non-founder Board President and will continue to serve on the Board as member at large.

6. Program – Agriculture's Future in Maine

The program was presented by Amanda Beal and Adam Bishop from Maine Farmland Trust & Merrymeeting Food Council, and by Chris Cabot, formerly of KELT who recently transitioned to a position with Maine Farmland Trust.