

**NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of Meeting of October 3, 2016

Present: Fred Dettmer (Clerk), Spee Braun, Keith Johnson, Peter Phillips, Roseann Press, Jim Whitely, Mary Hannon Williams

1. The meeting began with a period of silent and gathering worship. Introductions were offered and all members reported their conditions.
2. **Officers:** All current officers were renamed for an additional one-year term. Mary Williams noted that, with anticipated changes in the system of bookkeeping, the responsibilities of the Treasurer of Trustees may be substantially less cumbersome. The question was raised whether, in light of the audit findings, the Trustees should maintain separate books from the Yearly Meeting.
3. **Plattekill Meetinghouse:** Peter Phillips offered an update on the purchase of the property. There have been further unanticipated delays but we expect court approval this month and transfer to the Yearly Meeting by the end of the year. Transaction costs may slightly exceed \$10,000 and the proceeds of the sale are expected to be approximately \$38,000. Friends confirmed their previous intention to sell the building without its contents, but to alert meetings to the availability of benches if they wished to take them, and to discuss with the buyer his or her intentions. The Clerk is directed to request the approval of the body to this sale at Fall Sessions. Peter and Spee are authorized to undertake the disposition of both the building and the contents, in their discretion, in a manner most advantageous to the Yearly Meeting, upon approval of the body.
4. **Disposition of Properties:** Keith Johnson reported that the town of Morris is considering the Yearly Meeting's offer to give the town title to the Quaker cemetery. The township attorney is looking into the details of how the property would be handled were it to come under the ownership of Morris. The town board awaits a dollar figure of the trust funds that the Yearly Meeting proposes to accompany the property. The fund balance is currently approximately \$33,000, in combined principal and retained interest. Friends discussed whether any part of those funds might be interpreted as properly applicable to any purpose other than activities relating to Morris Meeting and its cemetery. There was also a lack of clarity as to the extent of the property at issue. Mary Williams will review the tax map to determine the extent of the property and will report at the next meeting. The Clerk is directed to request the approval of the body to this transfer at Fall Sessions, if the Clerk determines it is necessary. No report was given on Monkton or Yorktown Heights properties.

5. **Meetinghouse Repairs:** Croton Valley Monthly Meeting has requested \$750 from the Brinkerhoff Fund for repairs to its meetinghouse. There is an available balance of \$938 in that fund and there are no other applications. The grant was approved.
6. **Audit Committee:** Tim Johnson has requested that the Trustees confirm whether the Yearly Meeting holds the formal transfer documents relating to the real properties of Yorktown Heights, Monkton and Morris Cemetery. The Trustees agreed that Spee will send documents to the Clerk, and upon his satisfaction the Clerk will inform Tim whether the Yearly Meeting has an ownership interest in all three properties.
7. **Next Meeting:** The Trustees will next meet at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday October 26, likely at Oakwood School.
8. **Review & Approve Minutes:** The minutes above were approved.
9. Closing Worship.