



# PLUMTREES SCHOOLHOUSE & LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, 20-Jan-2009  
7:00pm

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “B”

**PRESENT:** Chairman Leroy Staib, Trisha Lewis, Charles Hurd, Charles Steck, Edwin Rockwell.

**ABSENT:** David Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman, Leroy Staib called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 15, 2008.**

C. Steck made a motion, which was seconded by C. Hurd to accept the minutes regular meeting held on 15-Dec-08. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

In D. Morgan's absence Chairman Staib reported that there were no additions or subtractions.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Continue Discussion on setting up a “not for profit” corporation. The members reviewed the by-laws of the Plumtress School Association. The organization had been form to foster the interests of the children in the school and district when the school was an active school. Discussion took place regarding the new not-for-profit organization.
- 2) E. Rockwell moved that the new Corporation be named The Plumtrees School Association. The motion was seconded by C. Hurd. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. C. Steck made a motion which was seconded by T. Lewis that the Corporation have a total of 7 directors of which 4 officers would be elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus one non-voting auditor. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

- 3) The Committee further discussed that the membership should be open to the public with no limit as to the number of members. Members should have an interest in fostering and encouraging the maintenance and preservation of the schoolhouse as a museum and place of learning for the Community. In addition, the members discussed qualification to become a Director of the Corporation. These qualifications might include a legacy connection to the school and/or membership to the Association for 3 – 4 years. These ideas will be sent to the town attorney for consideration. In addition, Chairman Staib will ask the Town Attorney to consider how to handle a situation in which the Plumtrees School Association becomes inactive.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Establish Meeting Schedule for 2009:** T. Lewis made a motion which was seconded by C. Steck to accept the Meeting Schedule as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. See attached Schedule, which will be filed with the Town Clerk.

As there was no further business on the agenda, T. Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by E. Rockwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Shani Burke Specht,  
Recording Secretary

## BY-LAWS OF THE PLUMTREES SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### BY-LAW NO.1

The Plumtrees School Association is a non profit organization, formed to foster and encourage interest in the children of Plumtrees School and District.

### BY-LAW NO.2

That no money can be spent unless it can be proven that it is for the benefit of the children.

### BY-LAW NO.3

That meetings will be held every second Thursday of the month. That the President can only call a special meeting after a lapse of a 48-hour period between meetings.

### BY-LAW NO.4

That the annual election of officers will be held at the June meeting. That every officer must be nominated and voted for by ballot from the floor and not be carried automatically. Officers will consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, plus 3 auditors and 3 directors. All elections of office must be held in the regular meeting place.

### BY-LAW NO.5

No president can hold office for two successive years.

### BY-LAW NO.6

That a forum should consist of seven (7) or more members.

### BY-LAW NO.7

That any new projects of real importance will be carried over two (2) meetings.

### BY-LAW NO.8

That all action of the Directors of the Plumtrees School Association in the name of the Association must be based on the decision of the members of each meeting.

### BY-LAW NO.9

That the Treasurer be bonded for \$1,000., and the books be audited the first week in January and the first week in June.

### BY-LAW NO.10

That the property and all assets shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the Corporate Charter. In no event shall any property or money be divided among the members.

This BY-LAW MAY NOT BE CHANGED

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