Schoharie Land Trust Steering Committee
minutes of 18 April 1991 meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land
Trust Steering Committee was called to order by Ken
Hotopp at 7:32 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Elliott Adams                 Catherine Harwood
Ken Hotopp                    Steve
Larson                       Mary
Eugene McCaffrey              John Townsend
Jo O'Donnel                   Karl Westphal
Dan Schuppel                  Robert Smith
Denis O'Sullivan              John Townsend
Mary                          Robert Smith
Dan Schuppel                  John Townsend
Eugene McCaffrey              John Townsend
Jo O'Donnel                   John Townsend
Dan Schuppel                  John Townsend
Bob Smith came in and chaired the meeting from
7:44 . SELF DEVELOPMENT GRANT: A $500 Self
Development grant has
been received. Someone from the Land trust
must be present for the presentation of the
grant on 19 May 1991.

MINUTES of the 14 Feb 1991 meeting were approved.
INCORPORATION: The Schoharie Land Trust has been
incorporated since 21 February 1991!
Contributions can be accepted and are tax
deductible through an
arrangement with the Catskill Center (checks
should be made out to CCCD/Schoharie Land Trust).
The first checks have cleared! John Townsend is
now working on the Land Trust's tax status.
LAND TRUST ALLIANCE: It was agreed to join the
Land Trust Alliance as soon as possible.
NEWS ARTICLES: There have been several news
articles on the Land Trust. If members will
clip the articles and get them to Elliott
Adams(Box 195,Sharon Springs,13459), he will
keep a file of them.
PRATTSVILLE: A report was given on Prattsville's
vote to reject the idea of a new dam in
their town. CASCADE, Box 36, Prattsville is
spearheading the fight against the Power
Authority and is in need of funds.
N.Y.C. DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: A
letter, penned by Catherine Harwood,
supporting the position of the 30 town water
shed coalition was approved.
CONTRIBUTION: VECA made a generous contribution
SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT: Book marks (which were passed out) and coloring books have been ordered. A press release in cooperation with ASCS is planned and even a radio release is being considered.

BROCHURE: The brochure is ready to go to press. CCDC will contribute $200 toward the $2000 cost of the brochures.

GAS PIPELINE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM: As part of the proposed new gas pipeline agreement the gas line company will set up a fund of money to be spent within the towns the pipeline passes through (Wright, Schoharie, Esperance, Carlisle). A Committee will review plans to spend these funds, the towns will be encouraged to submit proposals. Eugene McCaffrey suggested that the Land Trust submit a proposal by which the Trust would accept offers from land owners to sell development rights. The trust would then evaluate these offers (which would include a price), on a cost/benefit ratio. Finally a determination would be made based on potential importance to the public of the easements, cost of the easement and funds available. Some towns have expressed a general interest in supporting this idea and in having the Trust take the lead role. The funds must be committed by Sept. 1st. It was agreed that Eugene McCaffrey should work in the name of the Trust to develop such a plan and to contact the Towns to get their further support.

HUMBACH PRESENTATION: a report on preparations. Personal contact should be made with the planning boards to encourage them to attend.
Ken Hotopp to contact Cobleskill
Mary Jo O'Donnel to contact Schoharie
Elliott Adams to contact Sharon
Denis O'Sullivan to contact Village of Schoharie
A nominal $50 contribution to Humbach to cover some of his expenses was approved. Dan Schupple will provide a Video Recorder for Denis O'Sullivan to record the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Meetings have previously been set up for 18 April, 16 May & 20 June 7:30 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill.

ANNUAL MEETING: The first annual meeting was set for 16 May 1991, 7:30 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill. Officers and Directors will be appointed.

MINUTES of the 17 Jan 1991 meeting were approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Karl Westphal, gave a status report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.


Elliott D. S. Adams
Recording Secretary, pro tem.