THE ROWLAND CO-OP

Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 1016

1. Call to order: 7:30 PM

2. Attendance: Elsie Andersen, Lorraine Bentley, Kenny Christianson, Christine Foland, Laurel Mason, Winnie Olsen, Charles Bentley, ex-offcio

3. Rowland Café Update

* Laurel Mason reported that the café is currently closed
* Current renter of apartment upstairs is not making rental payments. Bobby has asked this individual to move out, and that individual has agreed.
* Bobby will meet with mortgagor for possible mortgage renegotiation.
* Bobby would consider renting the building to someone else to operate the cafe.

4. Rowland Toll House update

* Kenny purchased the toll house on December 23, 2015 and owns it outright.
* Charlie Bright’s fishing supply business in still housed there. Charlie may stay as long as he likes.
* Issue of concern: No water
* Possible solutions
* Organic toilet
* Cistern
* Renovation
* Kenny hopes to use student interns through Binghamton University.
* Students can set up website.
* Students can do labor.
* Kenny will provide room and board at his home for students.
* Funding
* Kenny is exploring funding through Keystone Development Corp.
* Explore crowd funding
* Future uses of toll house available to Co-op
* Sell local produce, crafts, ice cream, limited basic groceries
* Meeting place
* General Information Meeting to be planned
* Open to public
* Contact people who attended general information meeting 4-27-13.

5. Treasurer’s Report

* Total funds on 1-1-16: $249.20
* Donation to WJFF: $100
* Total funds 4-23-16: $149.20

6. The Lackawaxen River Conservancy has agreed to be pass through for funding purposes for Co-op until Co-op obtains 501(C)3 status. Co-op can request tech assistance through Keystone Development for purposes of obtaining 501(C)3 status.

7. Next meeting Friday, 5-20-16 at 6:00 PM at Kenny’s home. Co-op Board invited for BBQ and pot luck.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM