

Report of Semi-Annual Meeting

The semiannual meeting was held at Woolman Hill in the afternoon of April 23. It was a fine spring day, one of the best of the year up to that point. Before the meeting, some of us tried to play frisbee, and although we made a good show, the March winds in April prevented the disc from going where we wanted it to. At the meeting, the board of directors and committees gave their reports. Four new members to the board were selected: Nancy Galland, Andy Ferguson, Ed Bourgeois, and Betsy Corner. Nancy Galland was forced to resign before she could make a board meeting due to her involvement with the Concerned Citizens of Hadley in a fight against the planned Pyramid Mall. We wish her luck in this, though we will miss her energy on the board. Certain bylaw changes were made as well, as follows:

--The last sentence of Article III; Section A, now reads: "Notices shall include an agenda and, in the case of elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors, a slate of nominees."

--Article III; section F now reads, in its entirety:

F) Elections

1) Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring between October semi-annual meetings may be filled at the April semi-annual meeting or at any special meeting of the membership provided that notice be given to all members of the Corporation as in Article III, Section A, above.

2) Vacancies on Standing Committees shall be filled by the Nominating Committee as in Article V, Section C, of these by-laws.

3) Election of members to vacancies or offices shall be determined by a majority of votes properly cast by active members present in person.

--Article V, Section A, now reads, in its entirety:

A) A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors to consist of at least the Secretary of the Board and one member of each standing committee. The Nominating Committee shall present to the Semi-annual meeting in October names from among the membership to fill Board of Directors and all committee vacancies. At times other than the October meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present names from among the membership to fill Board of Director vacancies as in Article III, Section F, paragraph 1, above. Nominations will also be open from the floor. The general membership will be notified of the committee's proposed candidates fifteen days in advance.

--A new Article, on Amendments, was added, reading:

ARTICLE VII Amendments

These by-laws shall only be repealed, amended or altered in any particular with the unanimous consent of the Directors and the three-quarters vote of an annual or special meeting of the membership.

Announcement of General Meeting

There will be a general meeting of the membership on May 30 at the Mt. Toby meeting house in Leverett at 8:00 PM. It will be a working meeting for committees to get together, and for people to see what these committees are doing and to get involved in them. The membership committee, particularly, needs members. Also put July 6 on your calendar, for it also is the date of a general meeting of the VCLT. More details on this will be sent out later.