**Annual Meeting**

**September 30, 2019**

 **WREN Gallery**

Supporting better lives and livelihoods; enhancing the vitality of Bethlehem’s Main Street; and, practicing innovation in rural economic development.

**Attendees:**  Deb Hanna, Kate Foley, Judith Hull, Mary Secor

Absent: Ayla Queiroga, Irene Mosedale

**General Discussion**

* Motion to start the meeting at 5:30 pm was seconded and unanimously approved by members present.
* Motion to approve minutes for last year’s September annual meeting was seconded and unanimously approved by members present (Ayla and Irene voted yes via proxy – Deb Hanna).
* Mary Secor formally thanked staff Laura Barrington, Deb Loughnane and Katherine Ferrier, as well as former board president Susan Retz and Angel Larcom for staying with WREN through a challenging time and helping achieve this year’s accomplishments. The Thank You page in the handouts listed the many other names of folks whose help was greatly appreciated.
* Motion to accept amendments to bylaws was seconded and unanimously approved by members present (Ayla and Irene voted yes via proxy – Deb Hanna).
* Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by members present (Ayla and Irene voted yes via proxy – Deb Hanna) to accept new board candidates:
	+ Jan Apple
	+ Sarah Parrish
	+ Annie Stuart
* Kate Foley presented the Wonders of WREN (WOW) awards, women whose dedication and many hours brought WREN out of hibernation:
	+ Katy Curyn
	+ Susan Retz
	+ Natalie Woodroofe
	+ Mary Secor

Kate also presented outstanding staff awards to Laura Barrington and Katherine Ferrier, whose countless hours ensured a successful store and gallery opening, and continued successful operation of both.

* Mary provided an overview of this year’s accomplishments and strategic goals.
* There was a Q&A session from the audience.
* Motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm was seconded and unanimously approved by board members present.