

Watts Block Trustees
Meeting Minutes,
August 17, 2022

Approved 09/21/22

In attendance: Bill Hahn, Jim Cuthbertson, Neal Guyer, Charles Grover, Chris Hirsch

1. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.
2. Minutes of June 22, 2022 were approved.
3. Bill Hahn reported that two individuals have voiced interest in the space recently vacated by Ray Guertman at 170 Main St. One individual is interested in opening an ice cream parlor. She was the first person who voiced interest and will be given preference if she makes a firm decision by September 1st. The other interested individual has discussed opening a boutique.
4. As per the recommendations of the Municipal Facilities Committee W.B. Trustees are to report annually on efforts to make the Block reach financial viability so that income from the tenants on the first floor and events on the second floor would cover all expenses of the Block. This is a ten year goal. Bill Hahn presented this first year's financials which indicates that this goal has been nearly reached if not reached for year one. The Trustees will present to the Municipal Committee on September 26th, 2022.
5. Charles Grover reported that a grant request to replace the antiquated heating system for the Block has made progress and is moving along through the Congressional delegation. This is a matching grant.
6. Bill Hahn briefly presented FY22 financials and projected FY23 financials. A motion was made and passed that a painting project and a brick repointing project be deferred to next year.
7. Charles Grover and Chris Hirsch reported that the cleaning agreement made with Janet Clark has been a success to this point.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00
Submitted by Chris Hirsch, Trustee