

## **Minutes of the January 16th, 2007**

### **Lincoln Land Trust Meeting**

**Call to Order @ 6:58. Present: Janet Butler, Janice Ferry, Judy Hadley**

**Approval of December '06 minutes motion by Janice, and unanimously approved by all with no corrections noted!**

#### **3) Correspondence**

- John H. Chafee Conservation Awards 2007-nominations are being identified. Can we think of someone to nominate for 2008? (Cumberland recycling center person or someone from the Valley Alliance-nominations must be submitted by Feb 2008)**
- New England Private Well Water Symposium Dec 3 and 4, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Newport.**
- Northeast Land Trust Conference on April 20-21, 2007 at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson, NY**
- Craig Bloomer and John Cullen have voiced displeasure that the C&D Facility may be placed behind the CLBC-no other opposition from residents or abutters**
- DEM presentation on digitized open space parcels throughout RI-held at DEM conference room 300 3rd floor on 24 Jan 07 from 4-5PM**
- Frank Geary from Cumberland Conservation Commission was gracious enough to speak about the fish ladder project that will involve the removal of four dams in the Blackstone River, so that heirloom species can get back to spawning grounds at old/renovated Lonsdale Drive-In . They have successfully negotiated with 3 of the 4**

dam owners about the ladders. The projected costs for each ladder could reach \$1 million. Grant monies of \$500K are available for each dam, with \$100K being used for test bores.

- Sue Sheppard promised Frank Geary \$ for the fish ladders, but no transfer has been made to date.
- We decided that a letter should go on file from our land trust to Cumberland about the C&D facility and its potential for runoff into the Blackstone. There also may be traffic impacts at this facility, but no study has been presented.

#### **4) Land Trust Projects**

- Photo Contest-We reviewed all the entries (they were wonderful!), and after really tough choices, the following persons have won monetary awards: 1st place-Kristen Salemi (Kelley House) 2nd place-Anand Puravangara (Lincoln Woods) 3rd place Joyce Bethel (Filippi Farm) and Honorable Mention-Ruth McKenna (Manville Memorial park) N.B. We decided that a tie for 3rd resulted, and there were no under 18 participants, hence the HM.
- Video Promotion- copies were given to Corrigan and Marion Filippi. The next copies will go to the Jourdan family et al. Our promotional status remains in limbo.

#### **5) Old Business**

- Elaine Mondillo is the new tax assessor. Judy submitted our expenses as follows for 2006: \$60.00 went to Watershed council;\$45.00 to ECRI to renew our membership; \$1000.00 to Paul Roselli, for final payment of video. This brings our legislative grant category to zero. We will send a CD to Bill McManus who presented

**the grant monies. A thank you note will go along with.**

- **Manville development update-The Zoning Board denied the special use permit for 5 condos. Good news for neighbors who have fought so hard for this.No doubt, the developers will appeal. Citizens group met with Town Planner and their Council person.**

## **6.) New Business**

- **Judy accepted the chair position with a glorious speech! We agreed to do some sharing of responsibilities so that she would stay on. .Janice and Janet will post agendas at Town Hall and Library to help out.**

- **Looks like the Clean Water Festival as we know it may not occur this year due to fundraising and outreach issues. What is being considered is a shorter program held in conjunction with the Canoe race on the Blackstone. Key will be the historical aspect with the science as support-a suggestion for a scale model of an actual fish ladder might be a good idea to have present as well.**

- **America the Beautiful Grants-discussion about these ensues**

- **Janet will send Lowe's Educational Grant application to Judy and Janice.**

- **Budget for 07-08 needs to be completed soon. There are 4 line items: community outreach and education, general, conferences, and \_\_\_\_\_.** It was decided that if the administration does not transfer the \$5K from their budget for Frank Geary, then we will place it as a line item in our budget. Waiting to see what happens.

**Adjourned at 9:17 PM**

**Next meeting is February 13th , 2007 @ 7PM.**