

Lincoln Land Trust

Tuesday, February 15th, 2011

Present: Janet Butler, Betty Allen, Janice Ferry

I. Call to order – 7:10

II. Public Comment – none

III. Approval of Minutes – the minutes of the November 9th, 2010 meeting were read. Janet made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Betty. The minutes were approved.

IV. Correspondence –

a) John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor – the Land Trust received correspondence requesting that we write a letter of support indicating why funding for the Heritage Corridor should be continued. Betty volunteered to work on the letter.

b) National Land Trust Census – conducted by the Land Trust Alliance, with support from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, is an online survey for the purpose of gathering information about local land trusts and their programs. This online survey may be accessed at www.LTA.org/census

c) Land and Water Conservation Summit – the annual summit will take place on March 26th, 2011 at the Memorial Union at URI's Kingston campus. Janet plans to attend.

d) Land Trust Alliance – the strategic plan was received.

V. Old Business –

a) America the Beautiful Grant – the town has not been reimbursed for anything related to the Tree Survey grant. The final package must show services paid (everything indicated in the original grant) before DEM will reimburse the town. At this point the final product of the survey does not include any section or zone maps.

A request will be made that Judy Hadley scan/print the zone and section maps to complete the product. If so, the Land Trust will reimburse the town for her payment. A request by Judy for additional funds is contingent upon the above noted changes to the final document.

b) Legislative Grant – Janet submitted a letter to Sandra Berube detailing the grant plan. The approval was given to order 200 trees through the Arbor Day Foundation, to be shipped in the spring for planting. It was suggested that the Land Trust contact Boy Scout/Girl Scout troops to help with planting. It was also suggested that this be offered to high school students as a service opportunity.

VI. New Business –

a) Conservation Commission – there was discussion regarding the roles of the Conservation Commission and the Land Trust. The two groups have similar interests and it may be productive if we work cooperatively on some projects. A suggestion was made that we

might consider scheduling our meetings back to back on the same night to facilitate partnering on some projects.

b) Walks – Discussion centered around another walk at the Manton Dam when work on it has been completed. Betty will speak with Peter Moreau.

c) Suggestions for the coming year – t-shirt design contest? New members from Saylesville and Albion?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on March 15th, 2011 at 7:00 pm.