

**I. A regular meeting of the Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Chopmist Hill Senior Center, 1315 Chopmist Hill Road, N. Scituate. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Conservation Commission Chairman T. Angell.**

**II. Present: T. Angell, R. Strach, R. Bower, G. DeBlois, A. Cimini, C. Newman, C. Gianfrancesco**

**Absent: D. Browne, S. Scanlon, T. Slater**

**Guest: Tom Galligan (left at 8:25 PM)**

**III. Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by G. DeBlois to approve the minutes of the regular Land Trust and Conservation Commission meeting of November 14, 2017 with corrections. Land Trust and Conservation Commission Vote:**

**T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. DeBlois – aye**

**A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by A. Cimini to approve the minutes of the Closed Land Trust and Conservation Commission meeting held on November 14, 2017 as presented. All members present at meeting vote:**

**T. Angell – aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye**

**A. Cimini – aye C. Newman – aye**

## **IV. New LT/CC Business**

### **1. Budgeting for 2018**

**R. Bower suggested using the same budget as last year. Members discussed getting the budget from Finance Director Karen Beattie that was submitted last year to review. Last year the budget was submitted under Calista McDermott, Administrative Officer for the Building/Planning office. Members had questions about some of the line items of other accounts and wanted to speak with Ms. Beattie about them.**

### **2. Correspondence**

**R. Bower stated that he went to a Charter meeting and voiced some concerns about the structure of the committees/boards and commissions. Member Ellis Hopkins has been tasked with reviewing committees and boards of various other towns; it may be beneficial to see how other towns structure their land trusts.**

## **V. Unfinished LT/CC Business**

### **1. Appointment/reappointment of LT/CC members**

**Members stated that posting RFQs for Land Trust and Conservation Commission is on the upcoming Town Council agenda. Members had questions about the letter that was submitted to Town Clerk Peg Long regarding the recommendation to reappoint the members that are currently up for reappointment (C. Newman and S. Scanlon – Conservation Commission, T. Angell and S. Scanlon – Land Trust). Guest Tom Galligan, said that as a resident of Scituate, he felt that it**

wasn't right that the Town Council be able to pull people from their terms on boards and committees. R. Bower said he would reach out to Peg Long about this. The members who are being considered for reappointment, C. Newman, T. Angell said they are interested in being reappointed. T. Angell said he spoke to S. Scanlon and she is also interested in being reappointed.

## **2. Properties**

### **a. Lawton Farm**

Members discussed that part of field 3 and field 4 had not been mowed yet. C. Gianfrancesco also stated that the soil samples have not been collected for analysis yet.

### **b. Westconnaug Meadows**

Nothing new to report.

### **c. Brightman Farm**

Nothing new to report.

### **d. Esek Hopkins**

C. Gianfrancesco reported that there were some trees down but no major damage. She said that she ran into a couple hunters while she was last hiking, so there is definitely activity on the property. Members stated that the Quit Claim deed for Esek Hopkins is on the upcoming Town Council agenda. There was still some concern from some members regarding the allowance of hunting on the property. DEM has been insistent on this throughout discussions up to this point. The deed will have deed restrictions for recreation. At the time of the meeting, the Land Trust and Conservation Commission did not

have the proposed deed to review. Members discussed bringing up the hunting concern at the Council meeting and asking them to possibly table to see if they can meet with new the DEM Director (previous associate director) to change the hunting language. R. Bower said he will talk to Council Vice President Payette about these hunting issues and the members concerns.

**e. Tasca Field**

R. Bower stated that the grant application for the sand fields at Tasca has been submitted. There were two grants submitted from the town; the first for the sand field at Tasca, and the second was for the tennis courts in the center of town.

**f. Doctors Field**

R. Bower stated that they had to cancel the site visit with Carol Trocki, but it will be rescheduled. R. Bower will contact members and Hope Associates when the date is set.

Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by G. Deblois to do a BDR on Doctors field and N. Doctor's field if Carol Trocki's grant can accommodate, and that if \$250.00 additional is needed, then it will be expended to pay for the two reports. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:

T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. Deblois – aye

A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye

Motion passes.

**3. Potential Solar and Wind Power Development**

Nothing new to report. Members should all think about their stance

on this because it will most likely be happening. Members would like to initiate a work session with the Town Council.

#### **4. Volunteers/Stewards**

Nothing new to report at this time. If anyone knows anyone who is interested to please ask them.

#### **5. Other**

A. Cimini said she would touch base with S. Scanlon to make changes and updates to the website. R. Bower asked that the NRCS Easement program be added to the January meeting. Members reviewed the 2018 schedule.

#### **VI. LT/CC Audience Participation**

Tom Galligan of Pine Hill Road, asked questions about Doctor's Field. He also asked about the proposed police station location and how the land was purchased regarding the Trust for Public Land.

Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by C. Newman to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (A) (2), discussion of consideration of land acquisition/transfer and/or negotiation at 8:27 PM. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:

T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. Deblois – aye

A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by C. Gianfrancesco to adjourn

**closed session and to reconvene into open session at 8:48 PM.**

**Conservation Commission and Land Trust vote:**

**T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. Deblois – aye**

**A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by R. Strach made a motion to state that there were no votes taken in closed session.**

**Conservation Commission and Land Trust vote:**

**T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. Deblois – aye**

**A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye**

**Motion passes.**

## **IX. LT/CC Adjournment**

**Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by C. Gianfrancesco to adjourn both the Land Trust and the Conservation Commission at 8:48 PM.**

**Conservation Commission and Land Trust Vote:**

**T. Angell – aye R. Strach – aye R. Bower – aye G. Deblois – aye**

**A. Cimini – aye C. Newman -- aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**For full discussion please refer to the audio tape.**

**Marisa Marmaras**

**Recording Secretary**