

**I. A regular meeting of the Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Chopmist Hill Senior Center, 1315 Chopmist Hill Road, N. Scituate. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Conservation Commission Chairman T. Angell.**

**II. Present: T. Angell, C. Gianfrancesco, R. Strach, R. Bower, A. Cimini, C. Newman. G. Deblois (arrived 7:17 PM).**

**Excused: S. Scanlon.**

**Guests: Kim Smith (arrived 7:12 PM).**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by R. Strach, to amend the agenda to move item IV/1 “LT/CC /Clerk Vacancy” to be heard before Item III on the agenda. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

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

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**LT/CC Clerk Vacancy: R. Bower reported that he received word that Marisa Marmaris is resigning as our clerk due to evening family commitments. He said he will seek clarification on how the position is to be filled. A. Cimini agreed to take minutes for this meeting.**

**III. Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by R. Strach, to approve the minutes of the regular joint Scituate Land Trust and Scituate Conservation Commission meeting of January 9, 2018. Land**

**Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

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

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by R. Strach, to postpone review of closed session minutes until later in meeting (during closed session). Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

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

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

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

##### **1. RIFCO Workshop Feb 24 and March 3 2018**

**T. Angell discussed workshop sessions to be held at the Scituate Senior Center. He was asked by RIFCO if LT/CC could assist in funds for refreshments during the meetings. Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by C. Newman, to allocate up to \$125 for coffee and donuts for the RIFCO meetings. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

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

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

##### **2. Correspondence**

**R. Bower discussed the 2018 Green Economy and Clean Water Bond**

and encouraged members to think about how this could benefit LT/CC and community if it passes. R. Strach discussed how to educate community about the bond issue before the vote. R. Bower said we can put this on the agenda.

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

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

T. Angell said that he attended the town's Budget Meeting and the budget for both the LT and CC went through as submitted.

### **2. Appointment/Reappointment of Land Trust and Conservation Commission members**

R. Bower explained that LT/CC has had no official communication regarding the RFQ for LT/CC memberships. Next town council meeting did not have it on the agenda but will in future meeting. R. Bower reported that he talked with Richard Finnegan, who has done background research on this for the town and is in agreement that the Ordinance makes it clear how many positions should be filled and how often. R. Bower also said he spoke with Councilman Payette, who promised to furnish a list of applicants to the LT/CC.

### **3. Properties**

#### **a. Lawton Farm**

G. DeBlois said he is in process of collecting soil samples (as soon as weather permits). C. Gianfrancesco would like to compare the last sample completed in 2016 with this year's sample. R. Strach asked

**about reserving money to get parking lot at entrance to Lawton Farm finished. R. Bower reported that we have a commitment from Public Works to complete the surfacing of the parking lot.**

**C. Gianfrancesco said she received email from a Boy Scout who would like to work on a Bluebird study on Lawton Farm; she advised him to send a proposal to CC/LT for review. She also discussed how there are Bluebird boxes there already and are being maintained. R. Bower will be following up about a general spring clean-up day. R. Bower clarifies that Scituate Land Trust is the deed holder on parcels B and C.**

**b. Westconnaug Meadows**

**R. Bower reported that there is no document on record for this property. T. Angell explained the history of the property.**

**c. Brightman Farm**

**R. Bower said there is a conservation easement on this property. LT is named with Providence Building Authority as easement holders.**

**d. Esek Hopkins – property transfer/Quit Claim Deed**

**R. Bower said that the Town Council passed the deed as written during the December Town Council meeting. The deed requires hunting. After T. Angell and C. Gianfrancesco objected to the hunting language, the Town Council agreed that attempts could be made to get DEM to modify the language on hunting. R. Bower has been in contact with David Petrarca of the Town Solicitor's office and Special**

**Assistant Attorney General Greg Schultz, who both have offered to support a meeting with DEM to alter the wording on hunting. C. Gianfrancesco advised contacting them again soon to put meeting together.**

**e. Tasca Field**

**R. Bower reported that the grant request for a sand lot at Tasca Field was in process of being reviewed. He said he has been contacted more than once about it so is hopeful we might be in the running.**

**f. Doctors Field Properties**

**R. Bower said he discovered another conservation easement for Lot 43, owned by Hope Associates with the LT as beneficiary of the conservation easement. Discussion on Doctors Field issues were brought up at the December 2017 Town Council Meeting. Subsequent actions on baseline property assessment to be done after Annual Meeting in March.**

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

**A letter received from Hexagon Energy asked about using Lawton Farm as a solar installation site. R. Bower replied in a formal letter that the conservation easement on the property prohibits such development. The letters have been filed with the minutes.**

**5. Volunteers/Stewards/Affiliate Program**

**Nothing new to report.**

## **6. Annual Meeting**

**R. Strach presented the flier for the annual meeting. Members discussed advertising and refreshments for event. G. DeBlois said annual report is being completed and members discussed what to include in report. R. Strach discussed itinerary for annual meeting.**

**Motion made by G. DeBlois, seconded by C. Newman, to allow the expenditure of up to \$200 for the annual meeting guest speaker. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

**T. Angell – aye    C. Gianfrancesco – aye    R. Strach – aye    G. DeBlois – aye**

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

**Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by C. Gianfrancesco, to allow the expenditure of up to \$300 for advertising and refreshments for the annual meeting. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

**T. Angell – aye    C. Gianfrancesco – aye    R. Strach – aye    G. DeBlois – aye**

**R. Bower – aye    A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

## **7. Other**

**C. Gianfrancesco reminds members about Land & Water Conservation Summit happening on March 10th. Three board**

members are signed up to attend: C. Gianfrancesco, R. Bower, and A. Cimini.

## **VI. LT/Con Com Audience Participation**

Kim Smith, new resident of Scituate, introduced herself.

**VII. Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by G. DeBlois to adjourn into Closed session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (A) (2), discussion of land acquisition/ transfer and or/negotiation. Land Trust and Conservation Commission Vote:**

**T. Angell – aye    C. Gianfrancesco – aye    R. Strach – aye    G. DeBlois – aye**  
**R. Bower – aye A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**  
**Motion passes.**

**VIII. Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by to reconvene into open session at approximately 8:55 PM Land Trust and Conservation Commission Vote:**

**T. Angell – aye    C. Gianfrancesco – aye    R. Strach – aye    G. DeBlois – aye**  
**R. Bower – aye A. Cimini – aye    C. Newman – aye**  
**Motion passes.**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by to reaffirm that no votes were taken in Closed Session. Land Trust and Conservation Commission Vote:**

**T. Angell – aye    C. Gianfrancesco – aye    R. Strach – aye    G. DeBlois – aye**

**R. Bower – aye A. Cimini – aye C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by C. Newman, to adjourn both the regular Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission meeting at approximately 9:10 PM. Land Trust and Conservation Commission vote:**

**T. Angell – aye C. Gianfrancesco – aye R. Strach – aye G. DeBlois – aye**

**R. Bower – aye A. Cimini – aye C. Newman – aye**

**Motion passes.**

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

**Recording Secretary**

**Anna Cimini**