

**I. A regular meeting of the Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Chopmist Hill Senior Center, 1315 Chopmist Hill Road, N. Scituate. The meeting was called to order at 5:58 PM by Conservation Commission Chairman T. Angell.**

**II. Present: T. Angell, C. Gianfrancesco, R. Strach, R. Bower, A. Cimini, C. Newman. G. Deblois (arrived 6:34 PM).**

**Excused: S. Scanlon.**

**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 February 13, 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 C. Newman, to approve the minutes of the Closed Session joint Scituate Land Trust and Scituate Conservation Commission meeting of December 12, 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 C. Newman, to approve the minutes as amended, of the Closed Session joint Scituate Land Trust and Scituate Conservation Commission meeting of February 13, 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.**

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

##### **1. Proposed Correspondence to Charter Commission**

**R. Bower and R. Strach discussed the work of the Legislative Charter commission and their attempts to make sure that language is included in the charter that acknowledges the Land Trust as a separate group.**

**R. Bower presented a draft of a letter to send to Ellis Hopkins of the Scituate Charter Commission. This letter asks to include language in the charter for a funding mechanism for open space and recreation and provides an example.**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by R. Strach, to accept the letter drafted to send to the Scituate Charter Commission. 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. Proposed Eagle Scout Project at Lawton Farm**

**C. Gianfrancesco discussed Eagle Scout Max Johnson's proposal to the Conservation Commission and Land Trust to build and place bluebird nesting boxes on Lawton Farm.**

**Motion made by R. Strach, seconded by A. Cimini, to accept Max Johnson's project proposal. 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.**

## **3. Crew in Your Community 2018 (Youth Conservation League) Request for Proposals**

**T. Angell suggests, and all members agree, to table this for another meeting.**

## **4. Correspondence**

**C. Gianfrancesco (CC) received a letter from John Rogers who does blue bird presentations. R. Bower suggested having him present during upcoming Land Trust Days.**

**R. Bower discussed the Green Economy Bond briefly and that Rupert Friday has said that there is possible legislation being drafted to reduce the amounts on some of the bond items. R. Bower reported on the Annual Land and Water Conservation Summit, attended by R. Bower, C. Gianfrancesco and A. Cimini. R. Bower discussed the**

**upcoming April 28th RI Land Trust Council workshop/training on property monitoring. R. Bower and A. Cimini are attending. R. Bower shared info about: on-going legislation items in RI that may affect Land Trusts, NW RI Open Space disbandment due to lack of support, and an upcoming Rotary Club fundraiser for playground equipment at Esek Hopkins.**

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

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

**Nothing new to report.**

### **2. Budgeting for 2018**

**R. Bower discussed and clarified the budget discrepancy that appeared on this year's budget.**

### **3. Esek Hopkins – property transfer/Quit Claim Deed**

**R. Bower discussed action on trying to amend the language in the transfer/deed that allows hunting on the property and shared the letter sent to Janet Coit, DEM Director.**

**R. Strach discussed the annual meeting agenda and shared the gifts being presented.**

### **4. Doctors Field Properties – Baseline Documentation**

**Carol Trocki did site visits on 2 out of 3 parcels and will do the last piece of work once weather cooperates.**

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Motion made by C. Gianfrancesco, seconded by C. Newman, to adjourn both the regular Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission meeting at approximately 6:40 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**