

## **Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission**

**Minutes of March 16, 2015 Meeting at Senior Center, Tiverton, RI**

**Present: Brian Janes, Ginger Lacy, Gayle Lawrence, Garry Plunkett, Phil Schuyler, Jim Spears and Martin Van Hof. There were no guests.**

### **Administrative Announcements and Reports:**

- **February 16, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. (Plunkett/Janes)**
- **No treasurer's report provided.**
- **Plunkett provided the Poccassetlands Stewardship Fund Annual Report. Plunkett motioned (Seconded by Schuyler) that distribution be used for grasslands restoration work at Weetamo. Woods. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **RI Historic Preservation Conference will be April 25, 2015. [www.preservation.ri/conference](http://www.preservation.ri/conference).**
- **Plunkett provided highlights of Land and Water Conference held at URI on March 7.**
- **TNC published memorial recognition of John Whitehead, who founded RI chapter of TNC.**
- **Annual Report being prepared by Lacy was approved unanimously as amended. Janes/Lawrence**
- **Lawrence reported unsealed minutes of executive sessions have been delivered to Town Clerk.**
- **Memo from Mr. Teitz regarding site visits was discussed and entered into TOSC records.**
- **Executive session minutes of February 16, 2015 were reviewed and approved unanimously.**

**Stewardship Reports:** No detailed reports given due to amount of snow. Many skiers are using trails.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Janes provided a document: “Tiverton and Partners Managed Open Space Inventory,”** which he assembled using Town records. Discrepancies were noted and discussed. He has consulted Kate Michaud in planning office regarding steps needed to correct these. Group consensus was to proceed with Town’s process to amend maps and make zoning changes required to classify properties as open space. Members thanked Janes for investing his time and effort in this work.

**Executive Session:** At 8:43 PM a motion passed unanimously (Schuyler/Van Hof) to go to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-46 (a) (5). Executive Session closed 9:08 PM. Regular meeting resumed.

Janes noted grant opportunity for development of cultural facilities. He will investigate further. Brief discussion followed.

**Adjournment:** At 9:16 PM a motion to adjourn passed unanimously. (Plunkett/Lawrence)

**Recorded by Gayle Lawrence**