

MEETING MINUTES
Lower Connecticut River Land Trust
6/18/18, 1PM

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments Office, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT

Board Members In Attendance: Bonnie Reemsnyder, Cathy Iino, Carl Fortuna, Anthony Salvatore, Melvin Woody, Clair Matthews (alternate), Michael Maniscalco

Board Members Not In Attendance: Noel Bishop

Other: Sam Gold, Margot Burns

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

Approvals of Minutes:

Motion: To accept the Meeting Minutes of 4/18/18.

Motion made by: Melvin Woody

Seconded by: Anthony Salvatore

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Activities:

Melvin and Margot explained the general activities of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) over the last 9 years including the creation of the regional conservation plan; funding matrix; regional case statement for conservation publication; and past capacity building programs and projects. The LCRLT has been represented on the LTE for all 9 years. Sam explained the need to formalize the LTE so that formal votes could be taken. Sam recommended that the LTE become an advisory sub-committee of the LCRLT and each land trust would have one vote.

Motion: To approve the LTE as an advisory sub-committee of the LCRLT contingent on the approval of the necessary changes to the bylaws.

Motion made by: Anthony Salvatore

Seconded by: Melvin Woody

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

2018 Annual Meeting / Election of Officers:

It was felt that the annual meeting would have to be put off until July due to time constraints and that they should maintain the current board for a longer time so that it may become more familiar with the organizations abilities and future functions.

Tom Curren Proposal:

The proposal was looked on favorably but the board would like to have Sam look into purchasing policies for non-profits. Discussion also concerned the need for the initial funding for a development coordinator.

Motion: To authorize Melvin Woody to ask the CT River Gateway to provide the funds necessary to cover the initial fee of a Development Coordinator.

Motion made by: Anthony Salvatore.

Seconded by: Kathy Iino

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.