



**Lower Connecticut River Land Trust
11/13/18 MEETING MINUTES
LCRVCOG Office, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex**

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

Board Members Not In Attendance:

Other: Sam Gold, Margot Burns

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

Motion: To amend the bylaws to include creation of an advisory subcommittee made up of members of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE). Amendment to read:

Section 4.03 Standing Committees

(New) F. **Lower CT River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange.** The Lower CT River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) may advise the Board of Directors and Members on issues, policies, and actions regarding land conservation, stewardship, fundraising, and funding priorities. The LTE committee shall be comprised of duly appointed representatives of the land trusts protecting land in the seventeen municipality of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region, any land trust active in the LTE at the time of adoption of this bylaw amendment, and the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. Each participating land trust shall have a single vote on the LTE committee and the committee shall provide for its own governance, including the election of chair, vice-chair, and secretary from the committee members. The LTE committee members do not also have to be members of the LCRLT and are not bound by any term limits, but shall be a duly elected representative or a duly elected alternate appointed to represent said land trust on the LTE committee. Funds raised through the collaboration of LTE members will be governed by explicit donor restrictions and intent.

Motion made by: Carl Fortuna

Seconded by: Michael Maniscalco

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Fund Raising Update:

Margot reported that 11 of the 13 land trusts had contributed or committed to contribute to the fund development project and that Tom Curren had added an extra workshop for the LTE land trusts concerning

how to conduct a capital campaign. The workshop is to be held the first week in November. The workshop was added due to LTE land trusts' interest in the topic at the October workshop (Tom's second) due to the application deadline in February for state open space funds.

Insurance Update:

Margot reported that a quote had been received from Alliant Insurance. It was reported that when funds became available D&O and General Liability would be purchased.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To accept the Meeting Minutes of 9/18/18 as presented.

Motion made by: Carl Fortuna

Seconded by: Noel Bishop

Voted: Motion approved. Michael Maniscalco abstained.

Motion: To add discussion of the mission statement to the agenda.

Motion made by: Cathy Iino

Seconded by: Anthony Salvatore

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Clair Matthews (alternate) with no objection from Melvin Woody brought forward for discussion at the next meeting that she would like to discuss amending the mission statement to more closely align with the state statute important values of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

Sam Gold informed the board that he had an introductory discussion with the Eastern Connecticut Community Foundation.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:24

Motion made by: Carl Fortuna

Seconded by: Noel Bishop

Voted: Motion approved unanimously