



**Lower Connecticut River Land Trust
02/19/19 MEETING MINUTES
LCRVCOG Office, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex**

Board Members In Attendance: Michael Maniscalco, Lauren Gister, Anthony Salvatore, Cathy lino, Melvin Woody, Claire Matthews (alternate)

Board Members Not In Attendance: Noel Bishop & Bonnie Reemsnyder

Other: Sam Gold, Margot Burns

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Michael Maniscalco.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by: Anthony Salvatore

Seconded by: Melvin Woody

Voted: Motion approved unanimously; Cathy lino abstained

LCRLT Mission Statement: The mission statement and its various iterations were discussed. The final approved version is:

“The Lower Connecticut River Land Trust works to conserve, study, steward, and promote the unique values and scientific significance, natural and working lands, and historic, ecologic, cultural, and scenic resources of the communities of the lower Connecticut River Valley Region.”

Motion: To amend the mission statement as discussed (see above).

Motion made by: Cathy lino

Seconded by: Lauren Gister

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Motion: To accept the mission statement as modified.

Motion made by: Cathy lino

Seconded by: Anthony Salvatore

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Update on Fundraising: Tom Curren is following up on funding leads.

Sam mentioned a grant opportunity that will be pursued within the next few weeks: the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund from the Long Island Community Foundation.

Sam and Margot met with Morgan Stanley to understand what they can provide, their cost structure, and how donor advised funds work. Sam has also had discussions regarding money management with the Eastern CT Community Foundation, and Cynthia Clegg at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Financial Report: \$50 was spent on the Secretary of State filing. After paying the insurance bill there will be about \$7,000 in the fund.

Annual Report: The annual report that was voted on is the same as was presented during the January meeting.

Motion: To accept the annual report as written.

Motion made by: Anthony Salvatore

Seconded by: Lauren Gister

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Insurance: The cost of insurance was previously estimated to be \$800. Due to the fact that the LCRLT does not need employee and volunteer insurance, the cost will instead be around \$418.

Land Trust Representation: Attny. Steve Mednick is working on an agreement between the Land Trust and the COG to codify billing of staff time and the possibility of transitioning to different membership. A draft will be coming soon. There was discussion on who would sign what side of the agreement since Mike is the Chair of the COG and the Chair of the Land Trust. There was further discussion on the make-up of the board. The board members should suggest any changes in regard to board representation for discussion at a future meeting.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:40

Motion made by: Anthony Salvatore

Seconded by: Lauren Gister

Voted: Motion approved unanimously