

Colchester Land Trust Meeting

Home of Andy George, 27 Heatherwood Drive, Colchester

July 14, 2011

Present: Andy George, David Morrison, Chuck Toal, Danny Albert, Leslie Curtis, Lisa Hageman, Pete Dane, Michele McCormick, Will Hochholzer.

Meeting called to order by Andy at 7: 15PM

Approval of May & June meeting minutes:

Motion: Approve minutes from May 12, 2011 meeting. Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Leslie Curtis; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Motion: Approve minutes from June 9, 2011 meeting. Motion: Lisa Hageman; Second: Danny Albert; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Property for sale: CLT was made aware, from a resident on Brainard Rd—there is approx. 70 acres for sale, R80 zoning (2 houses per lot). Adam Turner is aware and is in contact with Norwich Public Utilities (NPU); hopeful for NPU to purchase- to protect, since the property is near reservoir. NPU currently owns property in Deep River watershed. Andy will follow-up with Adam & possibly with landowner.

Strategic Plan: Andy & Chuck reviewed what needs to be done to respond to LTA, re evaluation. Andy forwarded information to all, to review tonight.

Status of RFP-Forester's: two foresters were interviewed by sub-committee (Lisa, Leslie & Andy), from list provided by Will; both work for ConnWood. Discussion followed re experience, timeline, costs; it was noted that invasives must be dealt with a.s.a.p. - during growing season. Grant from NRCS is \$5200.

Motion: accept bid from John O'Donnell, ConnWood, to implement forestry plan & NRCS Grant.

Motion: Leslie Curtis; Second: Chuck Toal; In favor: all; Will Hochholzer abstained. Opposed: none.

-The goal for completion of management plans & invasives is mid-November; it was suggested that CLT should follow-up with invasive species control.

-Chuck will submit article to local papers in the near future, to explain what CLT will be doing on the properties.

New business:

--Leslie led a discussion re putting out calls for ads for CLT phonebook—the goal is to get new advertisers. Leslie & Tim will be out of town for some time in the fall & she expressed concern re the incoming phone calls, once the letters go out- approx. 70+. Board members discussed various options & dates. Chuck suggested- list Tim as primary contact & Barry as second. Lisa volunteered to take some calls. Andy summarized the following: it was decided that the letters should be sent out on August 25; when the board meets on September 8, they will attempt to come up with new sources. Incoming calls should be directed to Leslie & Tim until 9/21; after 9/22, others would field calls-Lisa & (ask Barry). Leslie stressed the critical need to obtain new sources with help from board members.

- Danny noticed on CLT website, that the history needs to be updated. Andy mentioned that the CLT doesn't really have a systematic way to update the website on a regular basis. Lisa suggested it should be a quarterly agenda item; Andy will bring this up at meetings & will write some updates if necessary. Lisa will check the latest entry & update.
- David inquired if he could use CLT letterhead to reach out to his previous contacts, who are interested in preserving land & might have resources to use in Colchester, since Hebron & Mohegan Land Trust is no longer active. Andy suggested he draft a letter & send to him & Chuck.

Old Business: none discussed.

Events:

- Historical Society Craft Show-July 23, Chuck not available; David to set up; Danny will solicit additional volunteers; Michele can cover 2 hrs.mid-afternoon.
- 57 Fest-September 24

- Andy would like to go over strategic plan grid; suggested to adjourn meeting & work in separate groups.

Adjournment:

Motion: Adjourn the regular meeting of the CLT at 8:27 PM. Motion: Leslie Curtis; Second: Chuck Toal; In Favor: all; Opposed: none.

No August CLT meeting.

Next regular meeting is September 8, 2011 at Cragin Memorial Library at 7PM.