

Colchester Land Trust Annual Meeting
Home of Cathy Shea, 254 Bulkeley Hill Road, Colchester
June 9, 2011

Present: Andy George, Cathy Shea, Barry Ford, Danny Albert, Leslie Curtis, Will Hochholzer, Lisa Hageman, David Morrison, Michele McCormick, Gary Walter, Greg Schuster, Adam Turner, Stan Soby, & friends of CLT.

- Meeting called to order by Andy at 8:00 PM
- Nominations for Board Members: Board of Directors- Pete Dane, renewal of three year term, expiring 2014; Danny Albert, three year term, expiring 2014.

Motion: approve the Board of Director nominations- Pete Dane & Danny Albert, as presented. Motion: Leslie Curtis; Second: Michele McCormick; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

- NRCS Grant Update: committee is in the process of interviewing/hiring a forester for three CLT properties; goal is by Labor Day.
- Strategic Plan update: CLT is developing a three to five year plan. Andy reviewed LTA plan and compared to CLT plan.
- Accreditation update: management plans are necessary- to participate in Defense Fund, and for CLT to qualify for accreditation.
- Colchester 2011 Plan of Conservation Development (POCD): Andy read the plan, on-line; although the town can put up to two mills into the fund, it has not been done.

Town Planner, Adam Turner, spoke about the process of updating the existing POCD- statutorily required every ten years; due date is Nov. 2011, but with six month window, deadline is Spring 2012. While not regulatory, the POCD is a strategic vision which sets goals-some are met & some are not.

The town has partnered with CLT and Norwich Utilities for parcels. Adam discussed 'density vs. sprawl', re land development. He feels the town should have five to six goals that are not too broad; he mentioned open space as a goal, but within a multi-directional town (i.e. agriculture, sub-divisions, open space, development); since the land development regulations have not been updated for thirty years, an update is in the works for this September/October.

Adam suggested 'niche farms' as a possible way to protect agriculture in Colchester. Leslie inquired if there has been any consideration for a permanent farmer's market in town; she also questioned if groups such as CLT would be involved before or after a draft of the POCD is in place. Adam said he is 'listening', and will gladly attend another CLT meeting in the near future.

- Recognition of Board Member: Barry Ford was recognized and thanked for nine years of service to the CLT. Although Barry will no longer serve on the CLT Board, he will continue to manage the CLT website, Art/Wine Auction, and CLT on Facebook; CLT members expressed appreciation .

- Old Business: none discussed
- New Business: none discussed
- Adjournment:

Motion: adjourn the annual meeting of the CLT at 8:29 PM. Motion: Barry Ford; Second: Cathy Shea; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2011, location-TBD.