

Colchester Land Trust Meeting
Craigin Memorial Library
May 12, 2011

Present: Andy George, Cathy Shea, Barry Ford, Danny Albert, Chuck Toal, David Morrison, Michele McCormick, Pete Dane, Penni Rochette

Meeting called to order by Andy at 7:06 PM

Approval of April 14, 2011 meeting minutes:

Motion: approve minutes from April 14 meeting, as amended. (the change was under 5b.-Chuck distributed the notes from March 24 fundraising meeting & Pete described some ideas that were discussed). Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Pete Dane; In Favor: all; Opposed: none.

Art/Wine Auction Update: Barry- second best year, estimated profit over 5K. Andy inquired if any changes would be needed for next year; Barry will use same format. Pete noticed the items above \$300 don't seem to sell; Chuck suggested the funding committee could possibly make suggestions & help with expanding the advertising for next year's auction- consider media such as Connecticut Magazine, Hartford Advocate, etc. Barry already has over fifty pieces from Marlborough Barn, to sell for next year.

Road Race Update: Cathy- 311 signed up & 285 showed up to run. An estimated 6K was brought in, but total expenses ran close to 4K (t-shirts, timer, police, prizes, etc.) Although Cathy gets many donations, it was suggested that going forward, CLT should look for a sponsor to fund the next road race. Barry inquired about using Facebook for the race; he's planning on starting one for the CLT, & suggested using it for the race. Andy requested to be updated when Facebook gets going. Pete asked about the number of runners from Colchester-apparently there are not many.

Strategic Plan Update:

Completion of Matrix: Andy- discussed how the information from the matrix would flow from board members (the status of tasks from individuals/committees), to Henrietta by May 26. Chuck will e-mail the most recent copy to all board members as well as a step by step process on how to fill-in the matrix; please copy Chuck & Andy when responding to Henrietta. For a committee responsibility (ex. LOC, fundraising), the chair should take the lead in getting the information from appropriate board members, & respond to Henrietta, Chuck & Andy.

Sub-committee reports:

Financial- Penni handed out financial statements for Jan-March 2011. Gross profit up for first quarter from 2010. Cathy would like to move some money from checking to savings.

Motion: transfer 20K from checking to Simply Smart money market. Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Barry Ford; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Motion: accept Jan-March 2011 statements of financial activities, as presented. Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Pete Dane; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Andy contacted financial reps from Schwab & Edward Jones; they will attend a future CLT meeting.

Fundraising— Pete recommended sponsorship for next CLT road race, & the committee will discuss the advertising for the next CLT Art Auction.

Land owner contact—discussion tabled; no one from LOC was present.

NRCS Grant Update: Andy asked Will H. for an update; nothing to report at this time.

Volunteers for Events:

-Memorial Day Parade, May 29- Chuck sets up booth at 9 AM & takes down at 2:30 PM; Danny will help Chuck with set-up.

-Trails Day – Gary will help with event on June 5, history hike, at 1 PM. Chuck asked for stand-by drivers-Barry & Penni offered to help with shuttling from exit 16 commuter lot, to hairpin turn on Bull Hill Rd.

-Tag Sale on the Green, June 12- Andy can be there about 2PM. Chuck needs help to set up tent at 8 AM. Andy will take down.

-Historical Society Craft Show, July 23- Chuck is not available; needs a team captain 10 AM-4 PM.

-57 Fest, September 24- Chuck will let Anita know; no canopy needed, relatively easy event.

Standards and Practices:

a. 12A Funding Land Stewardship: Chuck & Pete- Pete made suggestions, & Chuck will examine and make another revision. The slight changes might create a slight amendment to 11A; tabled to July for approval.

(Agenda items b through h were not discussed)

Colchester Plan of Conservation Development (POCD): Andy attended meeting last night; he also read the plan on the town website. The POCD was developed in 2001 and needs to be revised for 2011. Planning & Zoning is revising theirs, and will then revise, or update the POCD. CLT would like to have a member involved in this revision. Andy reiterated Chris Bourque's concern about money not being budgeted for the Open Space Fund (there is a 'fee in lieu') and that a consistent line item is needed each year in the town budget. CLT needs to be proactive; perhaps consider pushing a bond issue. Adam Turner will attend a CLT meeting in the fall with an update.

Old Business: none

New Business: Andy-June 9 is annual meeting, need a location. Pete & Barry are up for re-election as board members for next three years; terms end in 2014. Andy led a discussion about the present number of board members, and the possibility of seeking more.

Motion: form a nominating committee with Andy, Pete & Leslie. Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Cathy Shea; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

-Chuck inquired about attendance at the LTA conference this fall, in Milwaukee; he will be there at that time, and volunteered to attend. Conference is in October—CLT can make decision in August.

Adjournment:

Motion: adjourn the regular meeting of the CLT at 8:29 PM. Motion: Chuck Toal; Second: Pete Dane; In favor: all; Opposed: none.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2011. Location-TBD.