



South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2019

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

Present: Sarah Dopp, Duncan Murdoch, Allan Strong, Rosanne Greco, Karen Ryder,
Guest: Janet Bellavance
Absent: Michael Mittag, Penne Tompkins, Betty Milizia, Sophie Mazowita

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

Minutes of the November meeting will be approved at the next meeting. Given Michael's absence, the Treasurer and Membership report will be reported at the next regular meeting. Sept. minutes still awaiting approval and distribution. Oct. minutes awaiting distribution.

Sarah reported that several SBLT members were appointed to various IZ committees. Sophie, Allan, Betty and Duncan have been appointed to Open Space. Michael is to chair TDR. Sarah was able, at the end of a very long Council meeting on 12/17, to remind them of SBLT's offer of recommendations for public members, which led to Sophie and Allan's appointments.

Sarah updated the Board on the status of the Ewing property conservation. The Nature Conservancy conservation portion (Shelburne and SB) is proceeding slowly toward approval. Sarah has offered SBLT's help in promoting SB's financial help before the Council and through fund-raising. For now, the agriculture portion in Shelburne is waiting for future action.

Sarah was informed by Kevin Dorn, City Manager that South Burlington is among several surrounding towns that are discussing coordinating conservation efforts at their intersection. This is important because wetlands, riparian corridors, etc. are not limited to specific town borders.

Rosanne had an email from Alan Long regarding his property on Spear St. He is concerned how the IZ rules will adversely affect the family land especially as it relates to property taxes and his development plans. Rosanne suggested that UVM students might do a project on this situation. Rosanne to get back to Alan Long.

The Board discussed the chart Allan created and sent to Board members based on the results of our meeting 12/10 at which we created priority rankings for conservation areas in South Burlington. In reviewing this chart and maps from the Open Space report and Comprehensive Plan, the Board decided to add the Long property, Dorset Meadows, Spear Meadows and Belter Farm. Further discussion focused on also considering the "value" of the land financially as well as conservation-wise. Allan suggested we meet again soon in a UVM location where we can project maps found in the resource materials (Open Space Report, Comp Plan, Arrowwood Study etc.) in order to get a better handle on how to complete our analysis and recommendations. He volunteered to find a room on the UVM campus where we can do this and will notify the Board via email.

Sarah will email the full board to be thinking of speaker ideas and award winner ideas for the annual meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board is February 27 at the Northfield Savings Bank on Shelburne Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder
Secretary