



South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2019

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

Present: Sarah Dopp, Duncan Murdoch, Rosanne Greco, Karen Ryder

Absent: Michael Mittag, Allan Strong, Janet Bellavance

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

The minutes of the May 29, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Following Rosanne's motion and Duncan's second, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Due to Michael's absence, the Treasurer's report will be delayed until the next meeting.

Those present discussed the Open Space Public Forums which were held on June 19 and June 22. Karen reported that few attended on the 19th and Sarah said attendance at the Saturday Forum was good. Some attendees were receptive to the work of the Subcommittee while others had reservations and concerns. The handout on prioritizing Open Space which had been prepared by the group did much to clarify their work so far. Though the work of the committee has yet to be finalized, Duncan indicated that they expect to meet the designated nine-month time frame for completion. Sarah presented the SBLT's report on priority lands at the June 22 session.

Board members discussed the possibility of requesting a small addition to the tax for the Open Space fund which would be requested on the next city-wide ballot. Rosanne suggested that the first step would be to meet with members of the City Council to explain the request and determine their support. Following these meetings, each with pairs of the six Councilors, should they approve, the Board would begin a campaign to educate South Burlington citizens about the need for such a tax specifically designed to purchase additional city land for conservation. Rosanne will set up meetings with the City Council members which available Board members will attend, to begin this process.

Board members expressed regret that the DRB went forward with approving the Dorset Meadows development in spite of the caveat expressed by the Environmental Court due to the vagueness of the TDR section in South Burlington's 2003 Land Development Regulations. The final approval will depend on the TDR revisions that are being made during the Interim Zoning period.

Sarah reiterated the need to find two additional Board members to fill the current vacancies. Karen will post on Facebook site South Burlington Community Watch and everyone should post on their FPF. A few ideas were floated.

Janet raised a question about SBLT's continued organization of Green Up Day. The group decided we should discuss with Paul Connor, to see if some tasks could be given back to the City. A small group will ask for a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 on July 31 at the Northfield Savings Bank on Shelburne Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder
Secretary