



## South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2018

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

Present: Sarah Dopp, Sophie Mazowita, Karen Ryder, Penne Tompkins, Duncan Murdoch, Rosanne Greco, Michael Mittag

Absent: Betty Milizia, Allan Strong

Guests:

The meeting was convened at 5:30 pm to accommodate several members who could not attend until a later time.

Sarah motioned that the Board's officers be elected. Officers were nominated and elected as a slate which was as follows:

Sarah Dopp	President
Michael Mittag	Treasurer
Karen Ryder	Secretary

Motioned by Sarah, Rosanne seconded and the officers were unanimously elected.

The February minutes were reviewed and approved.

The minutes of April 25 were reviewed and revised. Michael motioned that the minutes be approved subject to corrections, Rosanne seconded. The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael gave the Treasurer and Membership reports. The SBLT received \$250 in donations and a \$50 matching grant from IBM since the last report. Membership remained stable. Karen motioned that the report be approved. Sophie seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Michael gave a report on the 2018 SB Green Up Day

Volunteers: 395

Number of bags collected: 577

Weight 3.58 tons (7160 lbs.)

Truckloads: 2

Dumpsters: 2

Tires: 334 (3.59 tons)

Weight totals above include 620 lbs. collected by the Magic Hat Brewery team, 240 lbs. collected by the Vermont Gas team.

First prize for most trash collected was awarded to Bonnie and John Hazelton.

Second prize for most trash collected went to Magic Hat Brewery.

First prize for most unusual item (exercise bike) went to Ryan Roberge.

Second prize for most unusual item (wooden plant stand) was awarded to Ann Pugh.

Edlund/Martin property update-Sarah reported that the property at 150 Swift St was sold to an unknown buyer. Frank von Turkovich of Eastern Development Corp contacted Sarah. He will be in touch soon to present the SBLT with their updated plan for the tract.

The Board discussed the two UVM student project papers presented at the previous meeting with the following actions to be taken:

- 1) Board members to send corrections and conceptual additions for both papers to Michael within a week
- 2) Michael will forward these to the students with ideas about dissemination to others on the UVM campus.

Rosanne expressed her concern about of the number of housing units in development in the SEQ that appear to ignore the stipulations in the Comprehensive Plan. She suggested that the most effective way to halt further development in this area would be for the city to purchase the properties for sale. She would like to suggest that the city add \$ 0.01 to the tax rate. Such an item that would have to go on the ballot similar to the additions made for Open Space and Bike and Pedestrian purposes. The City and residents have approved the Comprehensive Plan and this may be the only way to ensure the SEQ is protected from future development. To avoid competition with other ballot items from Open Space and Bike and Pedestrian, we would discuss with the City Council putting the \$0.01 for land purchase on the ballot for the town meeting in March. It was suggested that we develop a survey that would help determine a strategy to go forward. The survey would be based on a review of relevant components of the Comprehensive Plan, other pertinent considerations, and ascertaining the feelings of the community about preserving this area. Rosanne, Duncan and Sophie expressed interest in developing this survey. They will meet and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **June 27 at the Northfield Savings Bank at the regular time of 4:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder  
Secretary