



South Burlington Land Trust Annual Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2020

Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington VT

President Sarah Dopp welcomed attendees at 4:03 PM.

Due to Covid restrictions the meeting was held outside in the Wheeler House flower garden (and it was lovely weather). Sarah reported that Land Trust Board meetings were suspended in March due to the pandemic and would resume in September. This Annual Meeting was postponed from April 5, 2020.

Sarah gave an overview of the Land Trust activities and achievements from April 2019 through March 2020:

- Contribution of \$2000.00 from the SBLT and additional donations of \$750.00 by members toward the acquisition of 9 acres of the Ewing property. The acquisition was completed following approval by the City Council with primary support from VLT, TNC and the City of South Burlington.
- Coordination of Green Up Day in May of 2019. The primary coordinator was by Janet Bellavance with assistance from Michael Mittag. Green Up Day 2020 was cancelled due to Covid. SBLT began discussion with City staff and other Committees to share responsibility for organizing Green Up day in future.
- The SBLT Board developed a list of lands with high conservation values which was presented to the City Council and the IZ Open Space Committee. Board member Allan Strong was appointed as Chair of Interim Zoning Open Space Committee.
- Developed a proposal, Cents for Conservation, and presented to City Council aimed at increasing the Open Space Fund for future land purchases. Further action on hold due to City budget priorities.
- Support for Dorset Meadows preservation action by neighbors. No resolution at this time.
- Participation on the Champlain Valley Conservation Partnership (a collaboration of South Burlington, Williston, Shelburne, Hinesburg and St. George).
- Participation with Planning Commission on LDR's (Land Development Regulations) related to Article 12 Environmental Protection Standards prior to suspension of PC meetings due to Covid

2019 Financial and Membership report from Treasurer Michael Mittag

Income

Membership dues - \$2,250
Donations and grants - \$675

Investment Account as at 12/31/2019 - \$27,910

Investment Income \$3,914

Expense

\$5478

Fees & Subscriptions \$75.

Grants & Donations \$5,250.

Bank charges, Rent (2019 Annual Meeting), website maintenance \$153.

Membership

Current membership of 100.

Membership year changed to January 1- December 31.

Ted Riehle suggested that new neighbors be given SBLT brochures.

Election of Board members. Nominees for the Board:

Rosanne Greco 3 years

Alyson Chalnack 3 years

Two vacancies remain, one 3 year and one 1 year.

Sarah acknowledged the invaluable work of Duncan Murdoch and Sophie Mazowita while they served on the BLT Board.

Sarah presented the South Burlington Land Trust annual award to the Burlington Garden Club.

The award was accepted by Jan DeSarno, President, Mary Scollins, Nancy Bell and Doris Van Mullen, Co-President. Jan offered thanks to the membership present. The Club has developed and maintained beautified gardens at the Wheeler House since it opened.

Questions from the members

Ann Pugh requested confirmation of the SBLT policy regarding actions taken in the name of the Land Trust members. Sarah replied that the bylaws of the SBLT state that the Board represents and acts in the name of the membership.

Membership input and attendance at SBLT monthly Board Meetings is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ryder,
Secretary.

