



South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

Present: Duncan Murdoch, Allan Strong, Sarah Dopp, Rosanne Greco, Janet Bellavance, Karen Ryder
Absent: Michael Mittag

The October 30 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Allan and second by Duncan.
Unanimously approved by Board.

Duncan updated our website including our Cents For Conservation (C4C) proposal. He will add Board members to the site as well.

Membership and financial reports previously sent to Board by Michael were reviewed. Michael moved approval and Karen seconded. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Sarah reported that the Recs and Parks Committee asserted that the City Council promised that the Rec Center would be put on the March ballot before SBLT made a similar request for C4C. The Council is concerned about too many money ballot items being in competition with the school bond.

Board members discussed the public educational process to promote C4C to SB citizens. Suggestions included FPF posts, yard signs, Other Paper articles and letters, info sessions for the public, purchased ads, leafletting and Facebook posts on South Burlington Community Watch site. An Open House on the Underwood property to promote the ballot item on C4C is something we may want to do on Feb 1 and 8. Common Roots and the Master Naturalist Program could be asked to help. Sarah suggested that we consider what points we want to emphasize. At the next meeting the Board will create a plan that includes what needs to happen by when if City Council approves C4C for the March 3 ballot. The Board decided to schedule a planning session on Jan. 10 since we miss a meeting due to the holidays.

The Open Space IZ Committee is presenting its results to the Planning Commission on December 10, describing the top 20 priority properties which encompass about 1000 acres. Later they will present to the Council.

Sarah reported that she and Michael met with Al Karnatz of the Vermont Land Trust and their lawyer to discuss the SB Transfer Development Rights as the VLT had purchased 101 TDRs at the time of the Leduc Farm conservation. The Spear Meadows 17 TDRs have already been sold on. There are also 4-year options on 58 TDR's for Dorset Meadows and 26 for Cider Mill. These options expire in 2023. Two parcels of the Auclair property are held by Dirt Capital and the Bread and Butter Farm and the third is being conserved by VLT with Bread and Butter.

The date for the SBLT Annual Meeting was discussed and finalized for April 5, 2020.

Sarah, Michael and Janet (or some combo) will meet again with appropriate City officials in February to confirm previously discussed mutual responsibilities of SBLT and the City for Green Up Day.

The next regular meeting for the Board will be January 29, 2020 at the Northfield Savings Bank, 1120 Shelburne Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ryder, Secretary