



South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Michael Mittag, Rosanne Greco, Janet Bellavance, Sarah Dopp, Allan Strong, Karen Ryder, Alyson Chalnick,
Guest: Ann Outwater

The meeting was called to order at 4:30

Board members reported on their follow up discussions with City Council members regarding going forward with our Cents for Conservation proposal. Rosanne spoke with Tim Barritt who wanted to review the proposal before commenting. Tom Chittenden is fine with putting the proposed increase to Open Space on the ballot. However, Tom said that Parks and Rec may be ahead of SBLT in asking for an increase. Sarah was unable to reach Larry Kupferman about presenting to the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee. Michael spoke to Ray Gonda about presenting to the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee. Alyson said that Andrew Chalnick approves of an SBLT presentation to the Energy Committee. The next step would be to get on the agenda of both Committees.

As we agreed to change the focus of the presentation from the point of view of conservation to mitigation of climate change, we need to retitile the proposal. For example, Allan suggested a slogan "Spare Change for Climate Change". Janet also wanted to add a slide that listed resources. The group talked about various resources that might be used such as the webinar "Kiss the Land". Alyson will speak to Andrew re: getting on the agenda of the next Energy Committee meeting. Michael will talk with Ray Gonda. Allan agreed to do the presentations.

Rosanne expressed concern that we had not heard from Jessica Louisos regarding our letter offering our interest and expertise in assisting to craft Article 12. Michael has found that most Planning Commissioners are open to ideas regarding conservation.

The Board discussed moving the minutes and financial reports to the end of the agenda. It was also decided to move the meeting date to the last Thursday of the month beginning in January 2021 in order to accommodate Board members other obligations.

Sarah asked board members to call or email her if they want to add or change agenda items.

Rosanne reported about acreage for sale adjacent to Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) and wondered if it would be worthwhile to contact the Director to find out if they would be interested in purchasing it. Sarah will research the name of Director and will contact Rosanne with the name.

Janet brought up the issue of building our membership in order to forward our goals. The Board agreed that finding younger people and families to join is important. Janet suggested that we put together a Zoom Retreat with an individual who could help us find ways to communicate who we are and ways to reach a wider audience with the goal of adding members., i.e., developing a marketing plan. Janet has talked to a few people and will continue to look for an appropriate facilitator as will others. Ann Outwater and Allan Strong both agreed to talk with someone who creates maps that might enhance future presentations.

Rosanne followed up with the City Council on the Sewer Ordinance Amendment proposal. The update was that it was still making its way through the appropriate City departments.

The October 28 minutes were reviewed, and minor edits included. Michael moved to approve the minutes. Alyson seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael presented the Financial and Membership report. There were no significant changes. Michael moved for approval and Karen seconded. The reports were unanimously approved.

Sarah reported on the latest meeting, today, of the Champlain Valley Conservation Partnership (CVCP). She advised the group of SB's extension of the Interim Zoning period. Dean Pierce agreed to share some feedback on Shelburne's sewer ordinance with Sarah. In response to a question Sarah advised that SB city staff attend these meetings. Ashley Parker convenes the meetings and Holly Reese frequently attends.

The next Board meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 due to the upcoming holiday. Michael will send out the link.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder
Secretary