



## South Burlington Land Trust Board Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2020

Northfield Savings Bank, Shelburne Road, South Burlington

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

Absent: Michael Mittag, Allan Strong

The minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Rosanne moved that the minutes be approved as written. Karen seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board members present.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer and Memberships reports sent by Michael. Some have not renewed. Janet agreed to contact those who had not rejoined.

Green Up Day is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Janet will set up a meeting with Paul Conner to confirm the mutual responsibilities of the City and SBLT.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 5. Michael will be asked to reserve the Ridgewood Community Room if it is available. The award winner for this year has been decided. Sarah will notify. A speaker is needed for the meeting. Sarah suggested we contact the Association of Vermont Conservation Commission because they are offering sessions on grassland birds. She will talk with the person at the AVCC who sent the email.

The Board identified SBLT priorities for 2020 as follows:

\*Create a Call to Action Group. An email to identify SBLT members who are willing to attend CC and PC meetings during which important agenda items are scheduled to be discussed/voted on. Rosanne will draft a memo to be sent to the membership explaining the purpose of the Call to Action group and to identify those willing to participate.

\*Sarah receives the regular Friday emailing from the City of PC and CC agendas. She will summarize key points and back story. Janet will forward it to the Call to Action group and Board via email.

\*Representation by SBLT at each City Council and Planning Commission meetings at which an agenda item(s) relevant to the SBLT mission is being discussed. Karen and Rosanne agreed to attend the City Council meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month; Sarah and Janet will be present for the Planning Commission meetings which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*The Board will broaden the use of “advertising” to notify the public of relevant meetings and issues. The Other Paper letters to the Editor, FPF, Facebook Community Watch and emails were identified as resources for this purpose.

\*Janet suggested we develop additional methods for attracting the public's attention including speakers, tours such Bread and Butter, Underwood and other properties for which SBLT has been an advocate and contributor to the land purchase.

Janet distributed notes she designed for sending out "thank yous".

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Sarah announced the success of the Larkin Orchard/ Common Roots project.

Duncan made the Board aware of the need for more members on the Natural Resources Committee. He asked the Board to solicit for additional members. Without additional membership, the Committee may become defunct.

The Board discussed the need for not only purchase of conserved land but also the need for continued stewardship of those lands. Further discussion is warranted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday February 26 at 4:30 pm and will take place at the Northfield Savings Bank, 1120 Shelburne Road.**

The Board meetings are public and can be attended by anyone who is interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ryder  
Secretary