

**WARWICK LAND TRUST**  
**May 24, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. Trustees in attendance were Tim Howe, Leslie Derrig, Derek Andersen (Chair), Rob Baxter, Juan Cano and Tim Twohig, a quorum existed. Also present was Sue Cabeceiras of the Planning Department and Mary Grady.

Approval of January 2016 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Leslie to approve these minutes. This motion was seconded by Tim H. and approved unanimously.

Sue explained the status of the Passeonkquis Cove Open Space Grants. The bids were out for the surveying and appraising of the lots. A prebid meeting was held where questions were answered and the bid slightly amended. The bids will be opened on June 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, the Planning Dept. will review the bids and the Land Trust will recommend which bids to accept. A few members of the Land Trust will have to attend the City Council finance committee and City Council meeting to defend their bid award choices.

The attorney is still working on the Conimicut Marsh Open Space project. Lots 263 and 264 were conveyed to the City in 1988 by Warranty Deed. Lot 233 is currently listed for tax sale, Lots 260,261, and 336. Had lawsuits for Foreclosure of Rights of Redemption in 2008, getting files from Solicitor to determine what needs to be done to obtain final judgement. Lots 215, 246, 258, and 262 recently filed Petitions to Foreclose Rights of Redemption. Lot 337 he is looking for heirs of deceased owners. Lots 254 and 257 had tax sale in the 1940s prior to existing statutes, working with Title Company and will be filing lawsuit claiming adverse position and possibly citing another theory claiming validity of City's title since has held the tax deed title for over 50 years.

The Ordinance has been approved under first passage by the City Council. Once it passes a second time, the Land Trust has to vote to approve somebody to recommend to the City Council. Leslie presented a motion to recommend Mary Grady as an alternate Land Trust member to the City Council, once the Ordinance has been approved. Derek seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Leslie discussed several other lots in Conimicut that need protection. Plat 334 Lots 250, 251 and 252 Owner of 250 and 252 brought in 30 trucks of fill onto and hasn't paid taxes. He also dumped fill on lot 251 which is owned by City. It was suggested that she contact Councilman Solomon to present a resolution to the City Council to Foreclose the Right of Redemption on lot

250 and 252. Leslie presented a motion to purchase lots 339 and 340 in the event that there is additional money left in the open space grant and with permission from DEM. Juan seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

The Mill Cove Conservancy owns Plat 334 lots 243 and 244 and may be donating these properties to the Warwick Land Trust. Rob presented a motion to accept these properties if offered by the Mill Cove Conservancy. Juan seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

The Trustees decided to continue meeting over the summer.

The Trustees discussed the Land and Water Conservation Summit. Tim T. attended and reported that some towns have a real estate tax that funds open space purchases. He also learned of an Open Space bond from 6 years ago that may still have available funds. Rob will talk to Ken Alfano to find out if any money is still available.

Leslie explained that the lot on the corner of Caldwell and Point Ave is now for sale, Plat 334 lots 339 and 340.

Juan suggested that trail work in Land Trust properties may make great Eagle Scout projects.

The Commissioners discussed having the June meeting at Leslie's house so that the Trustees could tour the Conimicut Marsh area.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Tim H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Susan Cabeceiras, Planning Department Staff Assistant.