

**WARWICK LAND TRUST**  
**February 23, 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 Conimicut Marsh Open Space and the Passeonkquis Cove Open Space Grants. She explained that our attorney has discovered a problem with the Passeonkquis properties and has contacted the Johnstons. Our attorney will keep us apprised as the situation develops.

Sue met with Peter Ruggiero (City Solicitor) and Bill DePasquale (Planning Director) about the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Sue was told the Ordinance would also have to be amended so she edited the Ordinance to reflect the changes in the Bylaws. Sue was told not to change the Ordinance, as that would open it up to other changes by the City Council. They suggested that if the Land Trust has trouble getting a quorum, that either they meet quarterly, or on another more conducive night. Sue will add this to the agenda for next month's meeting for discussion.

Sue also explained that she was informed that items not specifically listed on the agenda cannot be discussed at a meeting and that if a quorum is not obtained, no business can be discussed at all. Tim T., newly appointed secretary of the Land Trust, offered to send an invitation to the monthly meetings two weeks prior to the meeting as a reminder to the Trustees so they can email Sue with their additions to the agenda.

Dereck explained that Joe Cavanaugh will be resigning and that both Dereck and Joe have spoken with Councilwoman Donna Travis about replacing Joe. Councilman Tom Chadronet recently contacted Dereck and told him he may have somebody to appoint to the Land Trust. Sue was asked to follow up and make sure both Joe and Chris had submitted their resignation letter to their Councilpeople.

The Trustees discussed the Land and Water Conservation Summit. Leslie presented a motion to use the Land Trust budget to pay for Trustees who wish to attend the Summit. Juan seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Juan and Mary told the Trustees about Representative McNamara meeting at Salters Grove to add a culvert under the causeway to the Breakwater and to upgrade the playground.

Rob is working on identifying Land Trust owned property. He spoke with Ken Alfano of the City Treasury Department who told him that the Land Trust budget is under the Planning Department.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Leslie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Susan Cabeceiras, Planning Department Staff Assistant.