

WARWICK LAND TRUST
January 26, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Trustees in attendance were Tim Howe, Leslie Derrig, Derek Andersen (Chair), Rob Baxter and Tim Twohig, a quorum existed. Also present was Sue Cabeceiras of the Planning Department and Mary Grady.

Approval of November 2015 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. They have decided that our attorney, Richard Kelaghan, was correct in his interpretation of case law, and that Mr. Johnston would have to pay all the back taxes to redeem the property. Our attorney will keep us apprised as the situation develops. Leslie presented a motion that Sue contacts the solicitor and ask him to give Mr. Johnston a deadline to respond and to send him a bill of past due taxes. Rob seconded this motion that was unanimously approved.

Tim H. explained that the he has reworded the Bylaws and the Trustees discussed the changes. Time sent the bylaws to former Land Trustee, and attorney, Chris D'Ovidio to review. The Trustees discussed the bylaw changes and Sue took notes of the changes. She will revise the bylaws accordingly and send them to the Trustees and Peter Rugiero, the City Solicitor for his review before they go to the City Council. Leslie presented a motion to accept bylaws as amended and written. Rob seconded this motion that was unanimously approved.

Tim T. had spoken with Martha Cruciani who informed him that Metropolitan Insurance had sold the property with the pond on it, adjacent to the Jesse P. Dawley Memorial Woodland. Martha said there was a 15 year lease on the property and she will find out who the new owners are.

Tim T. mentioned that the Beagle Club was for sale and that this may be something the Land Trust would like to purchase.

The Commissioners discussed the abandoned property adjacent and east of the Warwick Public Library on Sandy Lane. The house is boarded up. Sue was asked to find out who owns it.

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.

The Trustees discussed nomination for officers of the Warwick Land Trust. Rob presented a motion to reappoint Dereck as Chair. This motion was seconded by Tim T. and unanimously approved. Tim H. nominated Leslie as Vice Chair and presented a motion to accept the nomination; this was seconded by Dereck and unanimously approved. Leslie nominated Rob as Treasurer and presented a motion to accept the nomination; this was seconded by Tim. and unanimously approved. Leslie nominated Tim T. as Secretary and presented a motion to accept the nomination; this was seconded by Rob and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Leslie, 2nd by Rob to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Susan Cabeceiras, Planning Department Staff Assistant.