



**Lower Connecticut River Land Trust  
03/19/19 MEETING MINUTES  
LCRVCOG Office, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Michael Maniscalco, Anthony Salvatore, Cathy Iino, Noel Bishop, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Melvin Woody, Claire Matthews (alternate)

**Board Members Not In Attendance:** Lauren Gister

**Other:** Sam Gold, Margot Burns

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Michael Maniscalco.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting.

**Motion made by:** Noel Bishop

**Seconded by:** Bonnie Reemsnyder

**Voted:** Motion approved unanimously; Bonnie Reemsnyder abstained

**Financial**

**Endowment:** Mr. Gold recounted meeting with Chris Dibble of Morgan Stanley to discuss donor advised funds. Morgan Stanley has listed the LCRLT as one of the charities that their members can donate to on their website. For \$7,500 we can take the website and make it our own. There was discussion on and questions about the services that Morgan Stanley can offer. Claire Matthews recommended looking into community foundations as well.

**Grant Application:** A grant application has been submitted for the Long Island Sound Study for a communication program. \$40,000 would be used to create/maintain a website and for outreach to priority private landowners. It was discussed at this time that Tom Curren is taking a full time position elsewhere. His contract has run its course and Margot and Sam will take over his efforts.

**2019 Budget:** A calendar year budget was created to supplement the grant application.

**Motion:** To approve the budget for calendar year 2019.

**Motion made by:** Noel Bishop

**Seconded by:** Melvin Woody

**Voted:** Motion approved unanimously

**Discussion:** Funding for due diligence costs is being sought. The item called “due diligence” is money that will go directly to land trusts for projects to cover legal fees, surveying, appraisals etc. for land acquisitions through donation or fee. The land trusts have at least 6 or 7 projects that might benefit from this type of funding.

At this time Sam noted that a draft agreement between the LCRLT and LCRCOG has been received from Attorney Mednick. He asked the board members to read it and comment back before next month’s meeting.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:25

**Motion made by:** Bonnie Reemsnyder

**Seconded by:** Tony Salvatore

**Voted:** Motion approved unanimously