



LAND CONSERVANCY TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

Narragansett Town Hall
25 Fifth Avenue
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LAND CONSERVANCY TRUST

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Mike DeLuca

Jill Sabo

At a Regular Meeting of the Land Conservancy Trust of the Town of Narragansett held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., at Narragansett Town Hall

Present:

- Thomas Rogers, Chair
- Terry Fleming, Vice Chair
- Jason Colonies, Secretary
- Jerry Brunetto
- Susan Bush
- Pati Sylvia
- Jill Lawler
- Matt Mannix
- Brian Wagner

Not Present:

Also in Attendance:

- Mike DeLuca, Community Development
- Jill Sabo, Community Development

CONSENT AGENDA

1C Minutes: Possible action to approve the minutes of the Meeting on February 18, 2018.

Brian Wagner moves, and Jerry Brunetto seconds, and so it is voted to approve the minutes of the Meeting of February 18, 2018. Brian Wagner, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Susan Bush, aye; Pati Sylvia, aye; Matthew M. Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

2C Kinney Bungalow Report: Possible action to receive and place on file the Kinney Bungalow Monthly Report. (Attachment A)

Brian Wagner moves, and Jerry Brunetto seconds, and so it is voted to receive and place on file the Kinney Bungalow Monthly Report. Brian Wagner, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Susan Bush, aye; Pati Sylvia, aye; Matthew M. Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 3R The Friends of Galilee:** Discussion and possible action to write a letter from the Land Conservancy Trust to the Friends of Galilee in support of their mission and vision.

A discussion was had about writing a letter from the Land Conservancy Trust to the Friends of Galilee in support of their mission and vision to preserve The Light House Inn and its property. Matthew Mannix said he would speak with the Friends of Galilee to frame a letter that The Land Conservancy Trust may consider that would align with its mission.

Terence Fleming moves, and Pati Sylvia seconds, and so it is voted to have Matt Mannix frame a letter to the Friends of Galilee that The Land Conservancy Trust may consider that would align with its mission. Terence Fleming, aye; Pati Syvia, aye; Brian Wagner, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Susan Bush, aye; Mathew Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

- 4R Armenian Education Foundation:** Discussion and possible action for a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the donation of land from the Armenian Education Foundation.

A discussion was had about recommending to the Town Council that it accept the donation of AP T Lots 56, 57, 58 and 59 comprising of a total of 6,600 s. f. on the unimproved “paper street” of Rhode Island Avenue. (Attachment B) Melanie Donoian, who represented the foundation, was there to answer any questions. The Land Trust discussed this donation using its land acquisition criteria. (Attachment C)

Pati Sylvia moves, and Susan Bush seconds, and so it is voted that The Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust makes a recommendation to the Town Council that the Town of Narragansett accept the donation of AP T Lots 56,57,58 and 59 from the Armenian Education Foundation. Pati Syvia, aye; Susan Bush, Aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Brian Wagner, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Mathew Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

Jason Colonies moves, and Brian Wagner seconds, and so it is voted to Move agenda item 6R ahead of 5R. Jason Colonies, aye; Brian Wagner, aye; Pati Syvia, aye; Susan Bush, Aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Mathew Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

- 6R Town-owned Recreation and Open Space Property at 140-170 Clarke Road:** Discussion and possible action for recommendation to the Town Council.

A discussion was had about the town-own recreation and open space property at 140-170 Clarke Road. Jill Lawler assured the Narragansett Land Conservancy

Trust that: after further research there was no current plans to move on selling the town-owned Recreation and Open Space Property at 140-170 Clarke Road. Rupert Friday spoke to The Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust about the importance of protecting acquired open space. There was also discussion about the Land Conservancy Trust working with Community Development to ensure that all town conservation land (not just Land Trust property) is properly protected through deed restrictions, et al. No vote was taken.

5R Land Conservancy Trust web page: Presentation and Discussion of the progress on the Land Conservancy Trust web page.

A presentation was made by Jason Colonies to show the progress of The Narragansett Land Conservancy Trusts Webpage and ask for feedback. Pati Sylvia and Susan Bush made suggestion to change some of the headings for interest and clarity. Mike Deluca made clear we cannot use the phrase “become a member” and that we should change it to something like “become a booster”. No vote was taken.

7R: Update on the Middlebridge RFP, ROI, and Conservation Plan

Thomas Rogers gave The Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust an update on Middlebridge Management Plan and the current status of the RFP and ROI. No vote was taken

8R: Executive Session: Vote to retire to executive session of the Land Conservancy Trust in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 to discuss a possible land acquisition for public purposes.

Brian Wagner Moves, Susan Bush seconds, and so it is voted to retire to executive session of the Land Conservancy Trust in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 to discuss a possible land acquisition for public purposes.

Roll Call vote was taken

Brian Wagner, aye; Susan Bush, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Pati Syvia, aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Jerry Brunetto, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye; Mathew Mannix, aye; Jill Lawler, aye.

ADJOURNMENT;

Jerry Brunetto moves, Jason Colonies seconds, and so it is voted to adjourn. Jerry Brunetto, aye; Jason Colonies, aye; Brian Wagner, aye; Terence Fleming, aye; Pati Sylvia, aye; Susan Bush, aye; Jill A. Lawler, aye; Matthew M. Mannix, aye; Thomas Rogers, aye.

Adjourn: 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jason Colonies, Secretary

Attachment A

Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust
Kinney Bungalow Report

For the month of March 2017

Events (1)	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual/ booked	2018 Booked	2019 Booked	2020 Booked
January						
February						
March						
April	0	1	1	1		
May	9	4	2	4		
June	6	4	5	4	1	
July	6	3	4	2	1	
August	6	1	5	6		
September	7	8	9	7	1	
October	9	9	10	2		
November	0	0	0	0		
December	0	0	0	0		
Total	43	30	36	26	3	
Change from last Report				no change	no change	
Cancellations	7	2	4	5		
Weddings						
Non-weddings						
Weekend (Fri-Sun)	43	26	33	23	3	
Weekday	0	4	3	3		
Comments		Incl 3 @ no cost	not incl 3 for OctoberFest & 1 day for TC President Fundraiser)			

Note 1 - 12.5 weekend days per month

Attachment A

Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust
Kinney Bungalow Report

For the month of March 2017

Showings	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual
January			19	12		
February			9	9		
March			18			
April			17			
May			13			
June			32			
July			26			
August	5		25			
September	24		26			
October	23		23			
November	11		6			
December	6		13			
Total	0	69	227	21	0	

Change from last Report: 21 more showings

Kinney Bungalow Calendar of Events

No more events for 2017!

Comments

New Landscaping: Hydrangea, rose bushes, and privet hedges. The Hedges will provide much more privacy in the ceremony courtyard.
Working with RI Monthly Engaged Magazine, two page spread about Kinney Bungalow will come out sometime in the fall/early winter. *I will have copies in a few weeks to share with you*
Kinney Bungalow is now on Instagram *weekly posts showcasing different vendors*

Slowly switching over to LED bulbs, which will cut back on electricity (120 watt bulbs to about 10 watt bulbs)
**Hot water system is being replaced this week. Richard is working hard to polish all wood surfaces before the next season



TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
25 FIFTH AVENUE ~ NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

Date: February 7, 2018

To: Land Conservancy Trust Members
From: Jill Sabo, Environmental Planning Specialist

**Re: Armenian Education Foundation Land Donation
Assessor's Plat T, Lots 56, 57, 58 59**

The property owner, the Armenian Education Foundation, of Glendale California, has requested that the Town of Narragansett accept a donation of the above referenced parcels.

Staff has reviewed this plan and makes the following observations.

- The 4 lots combined total approximately 6,600 square feet and are separated into two separate parcels of approximately 3,300 square feet at the northwest and northeast corners of Rhode Island Avenue and Cosy Dell. Both streets at this location are unimproved 'paper streets'. There would be no way to identify these properties in the field and there is no public access.
- Zoning for this property is Residential R-80 and the future land use is Residential Low to Moderate Density.
- Utilities – This site is located in an area served by Town Water, and would require a private septic system. Water service does not appear to be available on this portion of Rhode Island Avenue.
- According to the Town's GIS information, the Site is located in a High Water Table Limitations Overlay District and the entirety of the property appears to be located in a swamp.

Should the Land Trust be interested in this acquisition, a Phase I Environmental Study is suggested.



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Mr. Thomas Rogers, Chairman
Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust
Narragansett Town Hall
25 5th Ave.
Narragansett, RI. 02882

Subject: Open Space Donation
Reference: Account No. 01107900
Lots 56/57 & 58/59

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF) received as donation and has been in possession of reference lots since 1979. AEF is a educational charitable organization and does not hold land or other real estates. AEF has on numerous occasions attempted to liquidate this land holding, but without success.

AEF realizes this unimproved land is not accessible and it is wetland. AEF wishes to donate these lots to the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust.

Request your consideration and acceptance of this donation. Please advise of steps required to complete this transfer.

AEF will be represented by Mrs. Melanie Donoian, who can meet with your office or be present in any required Town Hall meetings.

Mrs. Melanie Donoian
1320 High Hawk Rd.
East Greenwich, RI 02818
(410) 885-6617

Respectfully,

Vahe Hacopian
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President





