



**LAND CONSERVANCY TRUST
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2021**

**Narragansett Town Hall
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**LAND
CONSERVANCY
TRUST**

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Thomas Rogers

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Members

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Brian Wagner

Town Council Members

Jesse Pugh

Deborah Kopech

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**Kinney Bungalow
Event Coordinator**

Daisy MacLeod

Community Development

Mike DeLuca

Jill Sabo

At a Regular Meeting of the Land Conservancy Trust of the Town of Narragansett held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm, on Zoom

Present: Roll Call

- Thomas Rogers, Chair
- Deborah Kopech
- Jerry Brunetto
- Brian Wagner
- Jason Colonies

Not Present:

- Jesse Pugh
- Terry Fleming, Vice Chair
- Pati Sylvia

Also, in Attendance: Jill Sabo, Community Development

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1C Minutes:** Possible action to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 21, 2021, January 28, 2021 and February 18, 2021

Brian Wagner moved; Jason Colonies seconded to approve the minutes from a regular meeting of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust from Jan 21, 2021: Roll Call Brian Wagner aye, Jason Colonies aye, Thomas Rogers aye, Jerry Brunetto aye. 4-0

Brian Wagner moved; Jerry Brunetto seconded to approve the minutes from a special meeting of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust from Jan 28, 2021: Roll Call Brian Wagner aye, Jerry Brunetto aye, Thomas Rogers aye, Deborah Kopech aye. 4-0

Deborah Kopech moved; Brian Wagner seconded to approve the minutes from a regular meeting of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust from Feb 18, 2021: Roll Call Deborah Kopech aye, Brian Wagner aye, Jerry Brunetto aye, Thomas Rogers aye, Jason Colonies aye. 5-0

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

Brian Wagner moved; Deborah Kopech seconded to receive and place on file the Feb 2021 Kinney Bungalow report: Roll Call Brian Wagner aye, Deborah Kopech aye, Thomas Rogers aye, Jason Colonies aye, Jerry Brunetto aye. 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

3R Crooked Brook Signage: Discussion and possible action regarding signage for the Crooked Brook trail system. (Attached)

A discussion was had about signage for the crooked brook trail system and no vote was taken

4R Bay Campus Trail mapping: Discussion and possible action to begin mapping trails at the Bay Campus.

A discussion was had about the possible action to begin mapping trails at the bay campus and no vote was taken

5R Review of the 2021 Goals: Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 goals for the Land Trust. (attached)

A discussion was had about the 2021 goals for the land trust and no vote was taken

6R Sunset Farm Trail Extensions: Discussion and possible action regarding new trail extensions to be created by the Scouts, including planned work and added signage.

A discussion was had regarding new trail extensions to be created by the Scouts and no vote was taken.

7R 2-State Land Trust Conservation Conference: Discussion and possible attendance of one or more Trust members to the conference to be held on March 19-20, 2021.

A discussion was had about the state land trust conservation conference and no vote was taken

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Brunetto moved, and Deborah Kopech seconded to adjourn at 6:17pm: Roll Call Jerry Brunetto aye, Deborah Kopech aye, Thomas Rogers aye, Jason Colonies aye, Brian Wagner aye. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:



Jason Colonies, Secretary

February 2021 Monthly Report

North Beach Clubhouse

- February 2021 – 0 private events hosted
- 13 Showings
- Renovation Project – new tile flooring, entire men’s room, kitchen counter, main room painting
- First Event scheduled for April 17th 2021
- Cancellations for 2021 – 2 (not related to COVID-19)

- COVID -19 Cancellations for 2021 Events – 9
- Total Covid Cancellations (2020 & 2021) – 47

- COVID Postponements for 2021 - 7
- Total Covid Postponements (2020 & 2021) - 48

- Bookings for 2021 – 70 (2 more than last month)
- Pending bookings for 2021 – 13

- Bookings for 2022 – 21 (5 more)
- Pending Bookings for 2022 – 22 (same)

Kinney Bungalow

- Scheduled to open May 16th with a Bridal Show
- February showings – 11
- 24 scheduled events for 2021
- Pending Bookings for 2021 – 1
- Canceled 2021 events - 1
- 2022 bookings – 6

- COVID-19 Cancellations 2021 – 3
- Total Covid Cancellations (2020/2021) – 13

- COVID-19 POSTONDED EVENTS – 5
- Total Postponements (2020/2021) – 20

Crooked Brook Trails

Work Plan – 3-15-2021

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General Work Plan

- Decide on the names of the several trails
 - Hazard Trail adopted by Middlebridge School
 - Mid section of trail adopted by Ablescape
- Research the properties at the east of Westmoreland Trail
 - Q 30-6-B (the paper street doesn't seem to pass through this parcel)
 - Q 17-6-B (to set the location of the east sign – Sign D)
- Decide on colors of trail blazes
 - Consider coloring sign arrows same as trail blazes – see page 4 and 6 for examples
- Ask DPW to fabricate signs
- Ask DPW to mount several of these signs on steel posts
- Install several 4x4 PT in concrete for signs
- Place a temporary foot bridge across creek on Westmoreland Trail
- Paint blazes on all trails as appropriate

Location A – Entrance to Crooked Brook Trail on South Pier Road

- Tall signs (2 each) on steel post along South Pier Road showing in both directions:
- 12 x 18" on steel post at entrance:



Location B – South Entrance to Crooked Brook Trail at West End of Westmoreland Trail

- 12 x 18"
- On new 4x4 PT post:
- Arrow in same color as blazes



Location C – North End of Crooked Brook Trail at Westmoreland Trail



- Existing “Historic Crooked Brook Trail” signs high up on tree – one pointing the wrong way
- On 4x4 PT post on north side of intersection; 12 x 18”
- Arrow colors same a trail blazes

Location D – East Entrance to Westmoreland Trail

- Need to identify the Town property line
- On steel post; 12 x 18”:



Location E – North Side of Kinney Avenue

- Tall signs (2 each) on steel post along Kinney Avenue showing in both directions: 
- On steel post at entrance: 12 x 18”:
- Need to coordinate with existing signs
 - Adopt-a-Spot sign;
 - Existing “Historic Crooked Brook Trail” sign



Location F – South Side of Kinney Avenue

- Tall signs (2 each) on steel post along Kinney Avenue showing in both directions:
- On steel post at entrance: 12 x 18”:
- Need to coordinate with existing signs
 - Adopt-a-Spot sign;
 - Existing “Historic Crooked Brook Trail” sign



Location G – East Entrance to Crooked Brook Trail on Gibson Avenue

- Tall sign (1 each) on steel post facing north:
- On steel post; 12 x 18”:



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Draft Goals for 2021

Tracking

Land Acquisition

1. **[Terry & Jerry for full section]**
2. For the 1st pass inventory, develop an outreach or acquisition strategy for each of the highest priority parcels on the spreadsheet.
3. Begin to implement this strategy with at least one parcel.
4. For federal, state and City of Providence properties, ensure that appropriate offices have current letters from the Town expressing our interest in acquiring these properties should they become surplus.
5. For the several large parcels on Point Judith Pond
 - a. Monitor the progress of permitting and licensing of this property
 - b. Ensure that the Land Trust is 'next in line' for this property

Existing Properties

6. Middlebridge Conservation Land
 - a. Work with the Town staff, CRMC, DEM and Save the Bay to relocate the entrance the entrance and to remove the hard surfaces along the river in front of the buildings.
 - b. Remove the invasive species identified during the October 2020 ecologist tour
 - i. **[Brian, Jerry and STB]**
 - ii. **Tom to set up a call with Wenley Ferguson, Brian and Jerry**
 - iii. **Need a CRMC application – name an “invasive plant manager”**
 - iv. **Borrow the Weed Wrench?**
 - c. Ensure that recommendations of the 2017 management plan and its Conservation Plan are fully implemented
 - i. Request periodic updates from town staff
 - ii. Monitor the CIP budgeting process for FY 20/21 and FY 21/22
 - iii. Monitor the mowing plan for spring/summer/fall seasons
 - iv. Work with Save the Bay and USFWS to cut the recommended runnel to the north of Middlebridge
 1. **Tom to include in the call with Wenley**
 - d. Perform photographic monitoring in 2022
 - i. Perform in August to be consistent with the baseline monitoring in 2018
 - ii. Discuss with RILTC about developing a formal baseline monitoring report for Middlebridge
 - e. Update the Management Plan in 2022
7. Sunset Farm
 - a. **[Jerry for full section]**
 - b. Complete the initial punch lists
 - c. Remove invasives along the wall

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- d. Complete trail clearing, marking and signage to Island View Road
 - e. Complete trail clearing, marking and signage to Point Judith Pond
 - f. Clean up the signage in the first section of the trail – at the Rotelli property boundary
 - g. Monitor proposed zoning change
 - h. Working with the Park & Recreation Department and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, apply for a grant to add bicycle racks at the trail head
8. Kinney Bungalow
- a. **[Pati and Tom to discuss if this item should continue]**
 - b. Install large lighted signs at entrance to Sunset Farm / Kinney Bungalow
 - i. Must include the language “Owned by the People of Narragansett”
9. Develop a long-term plan to establish and link all trails in Narragansett
- a. **[Tom for entire section, except as indicated below]**
 - b. Create a comprehensive list of all trails in Town **[Tom with Jill]**
 - c. Harbour Island
 - i. Clear a trail extension to Beach Plum Road from parcel Y-1-7-12; review the existing conservation easements on Y-1-7-13 & 14 which may allow public use on a trail, which already exist **[Tom and Jill to research]**
 - ii. Add trail signage at both ends of the existing trail
 - iii. Add blazes where needed
 - iv. Create digital map
 - v. Curate trail and post on ExploreRI and AllTrails
 - d. Crooked Brook Trail – East
 - i. Walk the trails to assess condition **[Tom and Jerry]**¹
 - ii. Meet with Director of the Middlebridge School to determine the extent of their adoption of what they refer to as “Hazard Trail”
 - 1. Ask about interest in allowing / encouraging walkers to travel from Gibson Ave / Kendall Court down the paper Hazard Avenue through the Middlebridge area to Ocean Avenue /Hazard Avenue **[Tom and Jill]**
 - 2. Contact the owner of F-44-A to ask about interest in allowing / encouraging walkers to traverse the existing trail from Kendall Court to the paper Hazard Road **[Tom & Jill]**
 - iii. Work to improve the trail **[Jerry]**
 - iv. Obtain and mount trail signage **[Jerry]**
 - v. Create digital map **[Jill]**
 - vi. Curate trail and post on ExploreRI and AllTrails **[Tom and Jill]**
 - e. Crooked Brook Trail – West
 - i. Walk the trails to assess condition
 - ii. Work to improve the trails **[Ablescape Adoption]**
 - iii. Obtain and mount trail signage and blazes **[Jerry]**
 - iv. Create digital map **[Jill]**
 - v. Curate trail and post on ExploreRI and AllTrails **[Tom and Jill]**

¹ If you think this is funny, you are old
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- vi. Support the Community Development's efforts to establish a new trail between the existing Crooked Brook Trail and South Pier Road
- f. Rotelli property
 - i. **[Tom for this section]**
 - ii. Monitor the removal of the refuse, building and loam.
 - iii. Identify the old trail from Sunset Farm to Foddering Farm Road
 - iv. Determine if there are any available spaces for parking on Foddering Farm Road, perhaps across the street on Chafee NWR property
 - v. Rebuild rock wall between this property and Sunset Farm
 - vi. Mark and clear
 - vii. Create digital map
 - viii. Obtain and mount trail signage and blazes
 - ix. Curate trail and post on ExploreRI and AllTrails
- g. Bay Campus
 - i. Create digital map **[Brian, Jason and Jill]**
 - ii. Discuss trail marking with URI
 - iii. Curate trail and post on ExploreRI and AllTrails **[Jill and Tom]**
- h. Create an overall communications plan for all of the existing public trails in Narragansett
 - i. **[Tom for this section]**
 - ii. Review existing information on AllTrails and ExploreRI
 - iii. Create and distribute digital maps as needed
 - iv. Curate any trails and post as needed
 - v. Create informational materials; post and distribute as appropriate
 - vi. Place trail and Land Trust information materials in the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center.

Administrative

- 10. Conduct an annual inspection of all properties **[Tom – need to develop a schedule and process]**
- 11. Participate in 'Gansett Days'
- 12. Continue to improve the NLCT webpages with additional content and links **[Jason and Jill]**
- 13. Study the advisability of establish a separate Land Trust non-profit organization including:
 - a. The legal, financial, insurance and tax considerations,
 - b. The potential interest in the community of supporting such and entity;
 - c. The administrative impacts in cost and time which would be required; and
 - d. The process to be followed to set up and to grow such an effort.