

Conservation Lands Review Committee  
MINUTES  
12/11/07

Present: Chris, David, John, Margaret and Chele

•Minutes for 11/13/07 were reviewed and accepted.

•TCC Report

The committee reviewed the revised draft of the committee's report to the TCC which incorporated input from the committee. Chris suggested this may require a final edit.

Chris made note of the fact that this is his final meeting as a member of the CLRC. He had given notice three months prior of his intention to resign due to other demands on his time. It was unanimously agreed to contact Chris in the spring in hopes he may be available to rejoin the committee.

John noted the CLRC needs to make a formal presentation of the report to the TCC. Chris pointed out the report is not complete at this point. There was discussion of the most appropriate format and time frame for such a presentation and further discussion of whether CLRC has an ongoing role after the presentation. The clear consensus was that TCC has so many issues before it, it would benefit from the kind of long term, proactive land conservation support CLRC might offer. The committee sees the purview of CLRC as landowner education, outreach for conservation lands and collaboration with other land trusts.

It was agreed that section three of the report, *TCC as a Land Trust*, needs to be completed before any presentation of the report.

The original charge of the CLRC was reviewed:

- 1.) to establish priorities for land conservation and
- 2.) to prepare clear, understandable materials and modes to educate the public about land conservation values and approaches.

At this point, the NRI provides the tool to prioritize land conservation, however, the committee has not addressed the second charge related to education.

Much discussion ensued regarding the pertinent content and possible format of a presentation which could be given to the TCC and perhaps made available as a source of information and encouragement for land preservation. Aspects considered for inclusion:

- 1.) inventory of local land grantees including personal histories and other potential sources of information for interested landowners ,
- 2.) a plan for marketing the presentation and materials,
- 3.) identification of and liaisons with other land trusts,

- 4.) FAQ's about land conservation, and
- 5.) lists of appraisers, surveyors, foresters, land lawyers, etc.

Next meeting: January 15, 2008, at Scott's

Broad Agenda:

- Review and discuss completion of sub section 3
- Discuss future of CLRC, including possible new members

Minutes submitted by Chele Miller