

East Greenwich Municipal Land Trust  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 18, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Whitney (Chair), Doug Brown (Co-Vice Chair), Kevin Fetzner (Co-Vice Chair), and Peter Swaszek.

Staff Present: Lea Anthony-Hitchen (Assistant Town Planner), Juliana M. Berry (Planning Technician).

Others Present: Erik Eacker, Matt Sayles, and Bob Plain.

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Mr. Whitney opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

### **Boesch Farm – General Update**

Mr. Eacker reported that ten CSA members have renewed their memberships so far. He expects the program to be smaller this year- perhaps 150 total memberships. In response to general inquiries from the Trustees, Mr. Eacker stated that the farm is plowed out and everything is holding together. Access to the lot is not cleared but, as Mr. Brown pointed out, the Town does not plow it every year.

### **Boesch Farm – Painting Project**

Mr. Eacker introduced Mr. Sayles as a potential contractor candidate for the painting project. Mr. Sayles stated that he has done work inside the farmhouse for Mr. Eacker and was present at the meeting to get a feel for the work that needs to be done and what the Trustees are looking for, and finally to offer his services as an option provided that the Trustees have not

already decided to utilize Mr. Westall. Mr. Brown indicated that additional proposals are welcome.

Further discussion between the Trustees and Mr. Sayles yielded the conclusion that the long-term goal is to restore the buildings, including windows, doors, entryways, etc, to their historic condition but that the immediate concern is the current deterioration of the main house and kitchen exterior (excluding the back); namely, a full caulk job and latex paint coats, although the possibility exists for a modest amount of extra work to be performed. Mr. Sayles stressed that proper prep is necessary for historic homes with deep base colors. Mr. Brown and Mr. Whitney requested a qualifications package and insurance from Mr. Sayles, and Mr. Sayles responded that he has a good idea of what to submit for a proposal and will return.

Mr. Sayles left the meeting.

The Trustees briefly mentioned ripping out the breezeway prior to painting, but came to an agreement that the breezeway is a separate job and that all the work needs to commence in stages.

### **Land Trust Brochure Update**

Mr. Brown confirmed that he possesses all of the pertinent information and just needs to rearrange it for the newsletter.

### **Legislative Grant FY2010-2011**

The idea for a covered area for shade, adverse weather, and plant sales with just a pad down for the time being was brought up as a potential item for the grant application. However, the Trustees decided that since detailed plans of siting and scale would be required first as well as the need for footings where the eventual posts would go, and that the project would cost more than the grant award for a foundation, excavation, etc., that it was not feasible.

Ms. Anthony-Hitchen reminded the Trustees that the application is due very soon. After additional ideas were introduced, it was agreed that the best bet for a grant proposal was the repair of the southwest corner ell porch, including a new roof, support posts and framing, and door casing. It is a cold weather job and could be accomplished within the grant amount. It was

further agreed that multiple quotes would be solicited and that approval needed to first be obtained from the RI Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC). Mr. Brown stated that he would sketch an applicable plan for the February meeting, and Mr. Whitney noted that the application could be completed without the sketch as long as the project intent was outlined.

Mr. Swaszek motioned to approve allocation of 2010/2011 legislative grant money to the porch repair. Seconded by Mr. Fetzer. Approved 4-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Swaszek motioned to approve the October 19, 2010 minutes. Mr. Fetzer seconded. Approved 4-0.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Whitney introduced the EGDPI kiosk issue and confirmed with Ms. Anthony-Hitchen that the Trustees had agreed to transfer \$300 for the Land Trust kiosk share in June 2010. The transfer can now move forward.

### **Agenda Planning**

Boesch Farm General Update and Painting Project, Land Trust Brochure Update, Legislative Grant FY2010-2011, Approval of Minutes, Correspondence, Agenda Planning, Executive Session (Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (2); Litigation) – Boesch Farm Lease Discussion.

### **Other**

Mr. Swaszek inquired as to the status of the Land Trust vacancies. Ms. Anthony-Hitchen stated that interviews for unconfirmed boards were scheduled to be conducted on January 24<sup>th</sup> and that Mr. William Sequino is working on filling all vacancies.

Mr. Plain left the meeting. Mr. Swaszek motioned to invite Mr. Eacker to join the Executive Session discussion. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Approved 4-0.

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Motion by Mr. Swaszek and second by Mr. Whitney for the Land Trust to go into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Executive Session (Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (2); Litigation)

Motion by Mr. Whitney to seal the Executive Session minutes and seconded by Mr. Fetzer. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.